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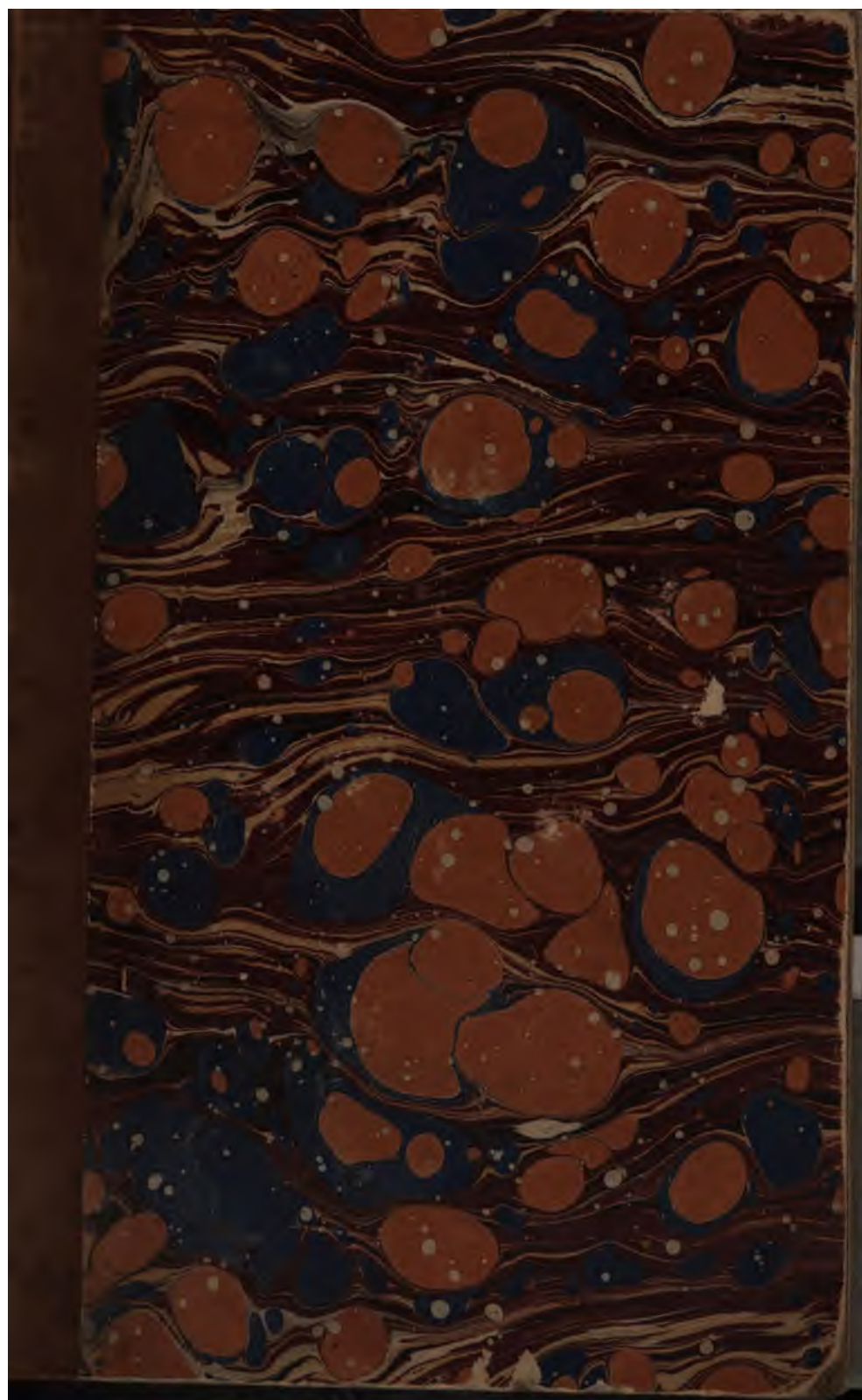
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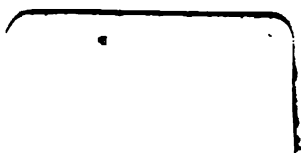
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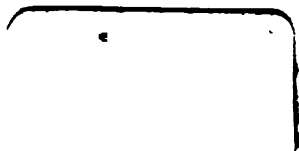


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LETTERS OF ARCHBISHOP WILLIAMS AND OTHERS ADDRESSED TO HIM OR RELATING TO HIS BENEFACCTIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDING ACCOUNTS OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE LIBRARY. Communicated by John E. B. Mayor, M.A., St John's College.

THE following letters are taken, where no special reference is given to other sources, from the originals in St John's College treasury. Further research may probably bring to light other materials for a history of the library, but it seems desirable to make what is already in hand accessible without delay.

The sources for a memoir of archbishop Williams are very numerous. I pointed out some of them in *Notes and Queries* for Mar. 12, 1859 (2nd Ser. VII. 209). I have since noted the following. He was uncle to archbishop Dolben (Le Neve's *Protest. Bishops*, i. 2, p. 268). He was a friend to Sir Jas. Whitelocke (Whitelocke's *Liber Famelicus*, Camd. Soc. pp. 60, 89, 97, 99, 110, 111). A contradiction (Dec. 8, 1628) of a charge of extortion brought against him occurs in Ric. Widmore's *History of St Peter's Westminster*. (1751). Append. No. 12, p. 213. See letters to him in Bp. Goodman's *Court of James I.*, Vol. ii. p. 320, and letters by him in Prynne's *Canterb. Doome*, p. 92, Dodd's *Church Hist.*, new ed., v. Append. ccxcv seq., ccliii, cf. ccxlvii, ccxlix seq., ccliv seq.; and in Sir H. Wotton's *Remains*, p. 304; and an anecdote, *ibid.* pp. 325, 326. There is another letter to him in G. J. Vossii *Epistolæ*, p. 107; and one by him in Goodall's

College of Physicians, p. 386. See too Birch's *Court and Times of Charles I.* Vol. ii. p. 171; "*The Welshman's Propositions to the Archbishop of Yorke, Commander-in-Chiefe before Conoway Castle in Wales. Printed in the yeare of his cosen Taffie's Carier. 1646.*" 4to. I may mention that a copy of Hacket's *Life of Williams*, with notes by the Rev. J. Mitford, is now in the possession of B. Beedham, Esq., of Kimbolton.

Of Dr Owen Gwin, Gwyn, Gwynne, or Wynne, to whom several of these letters are addressed, a full account is given in Baker's *History of St John's College*; he is mentioned in John Nichols' *Progresses of James I.* iii. 86, 229, and in the *Calendars of State Papers* under Nov. 28, 1621, (his presentation to the archdeaconry of Huntingdon), p. 314; Dec. 10, 1624, p. 405; cf. *ibid.* Nov. 24 and Dec. 7, pp. 391, 403; though these two last entries perhaps refer to another of the name.

Joseph Mead writing to Sir Martin Stuteville, Christ Coll. June 30. 1621, says: "We hold still that Dr Gwin is Bishop of St David's, and Mr Senhouse shall have his mastership." Birch's *Court and Times of James I.* Vol. ii. p. 263; cf. *ibid.* p. 281, where is a story of Gwin's playing at cards with Dr Richardson and two bishops on Christmas Day, 1621.

This master has left in the treasury of St John's a large mass of correspondence, much of which, Baker thinks, he would have destroyed, if he had regarded his own reputation.

Kennett has a notice of Gwin (MS. Lansd. 984, art. 108. cf. Cole in MS. Addit. 5858, p. 343); and one of his letters (June 17, 1626) is in MS. Sloane 3562, art. 38.

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V. Williams to Sir John Wynne. Nov. 3. Has procured a chamber for his cousin Robin. Regrets his brother-in-law's conduct. Hopes Sir John will remember his sister.

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VII. Same to Same. Aug. 18, 1611. Robin Wynne is roused to diligence by the prospect of being named elder brother. Expenses attending that honour.

VII. Same to Same. 22 Nov. 1611. Has entered Robin as fellow commoner, which will entail an additional expense of £10 a year, with a piece of silver plate at entrance. Is in good hopes of preferment from the lord chancellor and the king.

IX. Same to Same. 13 Sept. 1612. Robin has missed a fellowship. Disputes between the heads and the university. Death of the chancellor. Williams' farmer in Northamptonshire. New master of St John's.

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XIV. St John's college to Williams. 5 Feb. 1623. The lord of the manor at Hilton, who has hitherto borne the whole charge of pontage money, now tries to throw a part of it upon the copy and freeholders. They seek redress.

XV. St John's college to bishop Carey. 27 May [1623?]. Thanks for the money conveyed through his hands for the new library. The true donor cannot long be concealed.

XVI. Same to Williams. Same date. Thanks for his contribution to the foundations of the library, and his promise of timber.

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XVIII. Same to Same. 21 Feb. 1623. Thanks for his gifts I. of a library, of which he had promised the foundations only; II. of fellowships and scholarships; III. of a gold dish.

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XX. Williams to Dr Gwin. 30 Dec. 1624. Names John Barret, M.A. of St John's as the first fellow of his foundation, and Sir Moston of Queens' (or if he is incompetent, Edw. Baker, M.A. of Trin.) as the second.

XXI. Williams to Sir John Wynn. 1 Dec. 1625. Is glad to be relieved from the splendid slavery of the lord keepership. Will do all he can for Sir John's son Owen.

XXII. Countess of Southampton to Dr Gwin. Aug. 1626. Sends the books intended by her late husband for the library. Thanks for the kindness shewn by the college to her son.

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XXIV. The college to Williams. 6 Nov. 1626. With the accounts of the library.

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XXVI. Williams to Dr Gwin. 24 Nov. 1628. Recommends Richard Bulkley for a fellowship.

XXVII. Williams to chief justice Bradshaw. 24 Mar. 1647. On behalf of Sir Rd. Wynne and his brother Owen.

LETTER I.

JOHN WILLIAMS TO JOHN WYNNE, ESQ. [*Europ. Mag.* xxi.]

From [Williams] when he was a Student of St. John's College, Cambridge, to JOHN WYNNE, of Gueder, Esq. in Carnarvonshire.

WORSHIPFULL SIR,

MY humble dutie remembred—I am righte heartilie sorrie to see you impute my turbulent and passionate Letter to ill nature, wch proceeded only from suspicious povertie, and a present feare of future undoinge, bredd and fostered by the suggestions of those, who either knewe not what it was, or else would not im-

parte the beste counsaile. Well might your Worshippe have guesde my faulte to have been noe blemish of nature, but such another as that of foolish Euclio in Plautus, who suspected Megadorus, though he had soe farre againste his estate and reputation demeande himself as to be a Suytor for Euclios daughter.

Nam si opulentus it petitum pauperioris gratiam,
 Pauper metuit congregi, per metum male rem gerit:
 Idem quando illæc occasio perit, post sero cupit.

A faulte I have committed (for the wch I moste humblie crave pardonne, vowing heere before the face of God to doe you what recompence and satisfaction soever, how and when you will) but that faulte was not in writinge unto you, for therein I proteste I do not knowe that I have any way misdeamed myself, but it was in a certain suspicion I conceived of your love towards me, caused partlie by your late letter, farre more sharpe and less courteous than at other times, partly alsoe by the letters of others, who assured me that the money was not dewe any wayes to Thom. ap Maurice. That my nature is not intemperate, those that have ever knowne me doe knowe, being dull and melancholicke in constitution: neither could I ever heare that my kindred was tainted with that ugle spot. God forbid that the least of these three causes, your greatness, my meanes, but especiallie your desertes towards me might not be a sufficient motive to curbe the furie of my penne. I heare confess (*æt maneat hæc non illa furore scripta litera*) that now I am and always did account of mysele, as one infinitely bound unto your worship, especiallie for three things, the perswading of my Father to sende me to Cambridge—2 the writinge both to my Tutour as alsoe to others concerninge my Scholarshipe and Fellowshipe—3 the demeaninge of your selfe soe belowe your estate as to meddle soe much with my poor portion. These things are written in my hearte, whatsoever frenzy writ in paper.—My sorrowe is farre the greater, because against my expecta-

tions you doe not forget to send me som money towards my commencement, wch I protest I thought to have differed : your scoffes made me verie little, but that you should beside my deserte and beyond my expectation shewe me such a kinde and tender hearte,

Obstupui, steteruntq. comæ, et vox faucibus hæsit.

Three Petitions I in all humble dutie crave at your Worships hands—if not for mine, yet for my father and mothers sake——first—that you would (if possible you can) lett me have that money in Easter Term wch you promise in Trinity——secondly—that in your next lre you doe sende me that foolish Letter of myne enclosed—that therein I might see myne own follies, which els I cannot beleive to have been so greate——thirdly—that if there be any such follie committed you will gentlie pardonne it—assuringe yourself I will never fall into the like againe. And thus with my humble dutie I take my leave.

The most woefull

JOHN WILLIAMS.

LETTER II.

WILLIAMS TO SIR JOHN WYNNE. [*Eur. Mag.* xxi.]

1605.—JOHN WILLIAMS, when a Fellow of St. John's, Cambridge, to Sr. JOHN WYNNE—wishes him to give some assistance to one Meredith, who, he says, “was adjudged one of the best scholars in seaven-score Commencers.”—Time hath been (he adds) “when Bishops would have taken notice of soe forward a youth, and have been gladd to have hadd such a *materiam laudis*, as the Poet speaks, so fitt a subject to have spent theyre tenne Pounds a year upon; but alas, they are to be pardonned, if troubled with farre greater affayres, as buyinge of Lands, hoordinge of money, grazinge of Cattle and such godlye exercises, they altogether neglect these idle negociations—*sed lingua quo vadis?*”

—I will therefore heere strike saile, and with remembrance of my thanks and service *tibi tuisq.*¹ commende your Wor. in my prayers to Gods protection. Your Wor. in all service,

JOHN WILLIAMS.

LETTER III.

JOHN WILLIAMS (afterwards Abp. of York) to SIR JOHN WYNN. [Yorke's *Royal Tribes of Wales*, p. 149.]

WORSHIPFULL SIR,

MY dutie and most heartye comendations remembred. The continuance of your lovinge kindenes towards me, by howe much the lesse worthylye, by soe much the more must I account my selfe for the same bounde and obliged unto your Worship's service.

Concerninge that money my brother owes me (w^{ch}. I cannot tell well whither it be 7 or 8l.) if your Worshipp will this next terme see it conveyed to be delivered to my Lord of London's Stewarde, Mr. Griffyn, or to my Tutour Mr. Gwynne, I shall rest bounde unto you. I have written acquittaunces bothe for the yeare 1604 and the yeare 1605, the owne from Cambridge, and the other from London, in the presence of William Lloyd; and therefore it is not in my over sight that your Worshipp hath not received them. In place of them this letter may serve your Worshipp.

I have gotten of late a small benefice, w^{ch}. will do well, being ioyned to my place in Cambridge; and therefore if your Worshipp could procure me for this yeare's rent but 7l. before hande, I would give William Lloyd a generall acquittance for this yeare; or if I have two yeares more to expire of my lease (as indeede I do not knowe) I would be contente to take 12l. for both yeares, if your Worshipp could procure me soe much. Howsoever I must and will acknowledge my selfe æternallye

¹ *tuisq.*] husq. *Europ. Mag.*

bounde to praye for your Worshippe, for your Worship's kinde love and care of me this last yeare; and soe desiringe opportunitie to make uppe my gratefull wordes wth. thankfull deede, I committ your Worshippe to the Almighty's tuicion.

Your Worshippe's poore kinsman,
bounde in all dutye,

JOHN WILLIAMS.

LONDON HOUSE this 5 of Decem. [1605]

To the worshipfull, his approved lovinge
kinsman Mr. John Gwynne Esquier,
at Gwydder, deliver these.
Wth. speed.

LETTER IV.

JOHN WILLIAMS to SIR JOHN WYNN.
[Yorke's *Royal Tribes of Wales*, p. 152.]

RIGHTE WORSHIPFULL,

MY dutie remembred, I hope by this time your wor. hath received two letters, answeringe in effecte those doubtles propounded in your letter, w^{ch}. I receiv'de by this bearer. Since my last ill newes, there hath happen'd here noe occurrence worthe the relatinge; our feare is noe lesse, and the daunger noe more then it was at firste. Sithence your son's goinge into the countrey (w^{ch}. was at this daye se'nighte) I have heard in a letter from my curate of his well doinge, his abode beinge within a mile of my poore benefice. When he returnes unto the colledge, I will putte that stratagem in practice, w^{ch}. you mencion in your letter, and send your wor. the coppye of his theame. For my likinge of his proceedinges, bonâ fide I like his learninge well for his yeares; his witte better, especialye when yeares of discretion shall season it. If I listed to find faulte (althoughe truelye no greate cause) I doe sometimes call more egerlye on him to keep his

studye, w^{ch}. nowe (his gaudye dayes beinge spent) we may more boldlye doe then heretofore; and he muste (as surelye he dothe) daylye amend. Scholler he is for Mr. Price his place; and so is my man to, Mr. John Lloyd's sonne, for one Sir Dolben's. His tutour, I hope, doth certifye the receipte of such thinges as the bearer broughte him; onlye his token, beinge five shillinges from my ladye, I have taken uppe, and will deliver it to him at my nexte goinge to my benefice. I doe hope our colledge shall meete agayne before Christmasse; for as yeate there is more causeles feare then apparent daunger of any infection. Thus with my heartiest comendacions and bounden dutye to my good Ladye, I commend both your Wor. to God's protection.

Your Wor. in all dutye,

JOHN WILLIAMS.

ST. JOHN'S COLL. in CAMB.

this 20th. of Novemb. 1608.

POSTSC.

I will, by God's leave, either provide him a studye to his full contentement, or make him profer of a studye in myne owne chamber. A dieu.

[To the righte worshipfull my ever
approved good freynde, Sir John
Wynne at Gwydder,
deliver these.]

LETTER V.

JOHN WILLIAMS to SIR JOHN WYNN.

[Yorke's *Royal Tribes of Wales*, p. 158.]

SIR,

MY dutye and heartiest love and service remembred, I have received your money, w^{ch} puttes me in mynde of God's usurye, *ubi* (as Sct. Gregorie writes) *fenus triplicat mutuum*, the interest trebles the principall; and yeat, notwithstandinge the rigour of the statute, your Worshippe is like to receive no other

returne, then of a fewe thanks; w^{ch} Simonides, once tossing up and downe his cofer, found to be nothinge. But your Wor. may well remember that sentence (w^{ch} we Academickes would gladlye disperse as farre as we maye) once observ'de by Seneca, often usurpte by Traiane: *Beatius est dare, quam accipere.*

I have by good chaunce, satisfied your Wor. requeste for a chamber for my coz. Robin, at leaste wise for this winter:—*no obtentu frigoris muniretur negligentia*, as Plinie Speakes.

I am sorye everye waye to heare your Wor. reporte of my brother in lawe's disastrous courses, but the more pacientlye sorye, because I ever expected it. Marrye, this moves me a newe, to heare that my brother should soe unadvisedlye and unfortunatelye (for I can never beleeve he would doe it willfullye) be an occasion of the leaste discontentement or disopportunitye to your Wor. especiallye busines cominge nowe to that passe;

..... non *quirit.*

Ut si ipsa salus servare hunc hominem vellet.

Your Wor. knowes in parte, and should more clerelye, if you sawe my letter to him *Quam consilio, non meo, hoc fecerit.* And I most humblye intreate your Wor. to impute it rather to an unexperienced indisscretion, w^{ch} I finde to prenaunt in all his proiectes, then to any obstinate and heady wilfulness. Howsoever, I must still continue my suyte unto your Wor. *ex visceribus misericordiarum*, to remember my poore sister.

....., Nihil illa nec ausa est;

Nec potuit.

And soe I commend your Wor. to God's protection, wth thanks for all your love and courtesies,

Your Wor. in all dutye,

JOHN WILLIAMS.

ST. JOHN'S COLL. in O. Nov. 3.

[To the righte Wor. his ever approved
lovinge Coz. Sir John Wynn at
Gwyder.
deliver these.]

LETTER VI.

WILLIAMS TO SIR JOHN WYNNE. [*Eur. Mag.* xxi.]

1611.—From the Same, when a Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, to the Same—says:

I AM allreadye admitted Proctour for the next year begining at Mickmas—so as in Lent at the Batchelors Commencement I shall, if I live soe longe, have the nomination of the elder Brother for the Commencement. If I have noe Nobleman Sonne thrust upon me and that your Wor. will be contente for your owne creditte, and your Sons encouragement to be at that chardges with him—I hold myself bound by many former kindnesses, notwithstandinge all suyters to the contrarie, to give you and yours the first offer of the place—a Trifle in itself it is—yet the greatest kindness that the Proctour of the Universitie can offer any man.

LETTER VII.

WILLIAMS TO SIR JOHN WYNNE. [*Eur. Mag.* xxi.]

St. John's College, Cambridge, Aug. 18, 1611.—From the Same to the Same.

WHETHER you will be at that coste with your son (Robert) or noe to make him Senior Brother in Cambridge, beinge a Younger Brother at home, yeat the very conceyte thereof hath wroughte such miracles, as that there is more sittinge uppe at nights, more studiinge and gettinge up in morninges than either love or feare could worke before, so that as St. Austen speakes, there is *felix error quo decipimur in melius*. Beside his ordinarie charges for appaile and commencement wch your Wor. knows must necessarily be borne in every Batchelor, He is beside to feaste the Doctours and Maisters of Houses, wch will come to

some 18*l*. and to give the Father of the Acte a Satten Suyte, or the value thereof; who if it should prove to be myself, as is most likelye, that coste may be spared. I referre it wholye to yr Worshippes discretion to judge if the creditt will countervaille the chardges; surelie it will be an honor unto him, as long as he continues in the Universitie, and to his Brothers if they should followe him.—Your poor kinsman in all dutie.

LETTER VIII.

WILLIAMS TO SIR JOHN WYNNE. [*Eur. Mag.* xxi.]

St. John's College, Cambridge, Nov. 22, 1611.—From the Same to the Same.

RIGHT WOR.

THE concurrence of wisdom and affection in your laste action of intendinge the remove of your Sonne, made me silent in perswading or diswading one waye or other. Though I confesse I like better of his continuance, consideringe his late desire to his Book, and profitable endeavours thence amountinge. Wch if it were not soe, surelie love sholde not so blinde me, as to abuse your Wor. with any the like relation. For though I confesse I affecte him more than I thinke I shall ever doe Kinsman after him, yeat as Plinie speaks of his Freinde, *Amo cum judicio, eoq. magis quo magis amo.*

His Schollarshipe beinge gonne upon his return from London I was boulde to putt him into Fellows Commons, until either in this or some other College I shall inquire out som Fellowshipe for him; of the wch Preferment he shall not be capable untill he be full Batchelour of Arts. And that will be Easter at soonest. This removinge of him to our Commons wil be some ten Pounds a year more charge unto you, but I doe holde his choise of Company (wch nowe can be but Fellowes and Gentlemen) and his occasion of hearinge theyre discourses will in your owne judgement countervail the Chardges. Onelie this, for his entrance you

are to bestowe a silver piece of Plate upon the Colledge of what price you please above 5 markes, and to engrave your Armes thereupon, and that is all the Chardge of Admission.

He shall not want an honourable place in commencing, seeing you are content to undergoe the Chardges.

I thank you, Sir, for your Chardges alwayes with me, your former soe many courtesseis devoided of all requital of my side might verie well free your Wor. from any future Coste that waye.

I have indeede with my Proctourshippe lighte upon a most lovinge and respectfulle Lorde, my Lord Chancelour, who hath rather an indulgent fatherlye care of my Estate than a Lordlie respecte; as I have by many immediate favours latelie tasted.

It was likewise my good fortune (for I doe not I protest attribute it to any meritte) to give his Majestie and the Prince som extraordinarie contentement at Newmarket upon Tuesdaye laste—what time by apointment I preachte before them. I had a great deal of Court holie water, if I can make my selfe any good there bye.

I praye you, Sir, by Lente nexte, when your Sonne is capable of a place, lette there be som order taken that the money you are • willinge to disburse for his place, be at London in some readinesse for me to call for, for *Magistri nostri oculatas*¹ *habent manus, credunt quod vident*.

I have brought to execution a Bonde of a 100*l.* to pay 50*l.* due to me from my Coz. Henrie Williams—for Gods sake if you can tell me of any meanes to catche him or gette my money, let me have your direction. It is all I have towards the losse of time, expence of money and toiling of my bodie wch I hadd in my good Unkles Executorshippe. Resting ever yr Wor. to command to the

uttermost of his Power

JOHN WILLIAMS.

¹ *oculatas*] *oculatos*. *Europ. Mag.* See Plaut. *Asin.* i. 3. 50.

LETTER IX.

JOHN WILLIAMS to SIR JOHN WYNN.

[Yorke's *Royal Tribes of Wales*, p. 153.]

RIGHT WORSHIPFULL,

MY moste true love ever remembred. My coz. Robin, who wth. the helpe [cf] my serchers hath furnishte you for your provision, doth promisse me to sende you at this time a complete note of his former expences. My mechanic buisnesses at the Fayre are such as I cannot take that paynes therein I otherwise wolde doe. Truelye I cannot excuse either him or his brother, for absence from theyre studyes at extraordinarye howres, or any neglect of theyre Tutor's lectoures. And yeat they are nowe (as formerlye they were) my under-neighbours.

How the proiecte of hasteninge his beinge felowe failed, I liste not to enquire; but I am sure, after your departure there was nothinge donne. And the yssue noe other, but that the Junieur Proctour was sharpelye rebuked, that he, contrarye to the statute, wolde offer to bringe in one by his Majestie's mandate. Who replied, He never went about any such matter; as resolved, if once he hadd showne himselfe in the buisines, to effecte it, or have line in the dust for it. Marye, he added, that if the youth himselfe compassed any such matter, he thoughte that he hadde deserv'de that favowre at the Colledge, as to accepte thereof without such grudginge.

What you were enformed of my troubles and oppositions wth. the heades of our colleges, I knowe not; but this I am certayne, I rest much obliged to your Wor. for your most kinde and lovinge counsaile, wth. could proceede from noe other heade, then that well-springe of your former and never-failing affection. But Mr. Th. Edwards my felowe could have gonne nere to enforme you of all the buisines.

The opposition twixte the maisters of Colleges and the bodie of the Universitye, wth is the companye of our Regent and Non-

regent Maister of Artes, hathe beene soe longe a foote, as any Cantabrigian can enforme you thereof; but it is most of all perceived in that twixt the vice-chauncelour and the proctoures, whoe are in a maner Tribuni Plebis, and represente the bodye, as the vice-chauncelour dothe the heades of Colleges. In former yeares, as the vice-ch^{rs}. were allwayes grave old men and Divines by profession (noe yonge, servinge-man lawier, as this yeare) soe the proctours for want of other meanes did over-shoote themselve soe farre in takinge of under-hande considerations; as that lienge allwayes in the vice-chaunceloure's lurche, they never durste shewe themselves either for the maintenaunce of theyre owne places, or the statute-freedom of the Universitye.

My selfe-being by God and my good M^r. soe well provided for (to myne owne contentement at leaste wise) as that my mynde scorn'de to be obnoxious to any man for the leaste bribe or fee due by statute, grewe by soe much the more bould to stande upon myne owne place and the libertie of the Universitye graunted in statute, and consequentlye to overthwart the new-fanglednes of this vice-ch^r. endeavouring by all meanes possible to reduce our Aristarchie to a Monarchie (as they terme it) but, as we understand, an absolute Tyrannie.

This was soe well taken for the firste parte and moytie of the yeare, that not onelie the M^{res}. of Artes, who graced me with as many and those extraordinarye favoures, as they laded my adversarye with shame and ignominie; but the heades of Colleges themselves encouraged with all applause my just and academicall cariage and proceedinges. For you must knowe Dr. Cowel and Dr. Clayton, the two greateste maisters in towne, and my extraordinarye deare freyndes to be as yeat alive; in whose places..... ded¹ two other, defective, thoughe not in affection, yeate in pare... ..action.

Afterward falls in the interim our Heade-shippe of St. John's, in w^{ch}. busines I, servinge my turne abroade, with the good

¹ [succeeded ?]

opinion conceiv'de of me at home, was thoughte to have donne such service, as procur'de the hatred of two of the cheefe m^{rs}. Dr. Carye beinge one of them; who, as they thinke, hadd it not been for me, hadd gott the maistershippe of St. John's. There was the first oportunitye the vice ch^r. hadd againste me.

In the weeke of this, falls the death of the L. Treasurer and Chauncelour; by consequence greate canvasinge who should succede him. All the heades (two excepted) expectinge bushopricks and deanries, came upon the Archbp. of Canterburye. My selfe, still reposinge greate trust in the bodye of the Universitye, and fearinge if his Grace were our Chauncelour, any complaynte of the Vice-chaunc. wolde be hearde against me, who was, both for my buisines of Llanrhayader, and this late of our maistershippe, growne more distastefull unto his Grace, putt all my force together, and by many voices, against the heades, chose the L. Privie seale twice to our Chancelour; thoughe I knewe Googe the vicech^r. to be a servant to his nephewe the L. of Suffolke. You see then a second opportunitie for the Vicech^r. to ioyn^e wth the heades to putt somme disgrace upon me.

And yeate all this while, thoughe buisines were in hammeringe, nothinge coulde be donne, while it was terme time, and that the m^{rs}. of Artes hadd occasion of meetinge, my strengthe encreasinge still in the bodie. After the Commencement, all occasions of meetinge for this yeare ended, the vicech^r. desirous to revenge somme p^{rt}. of his disgraces, upon me, whom he hadd envied for the love of the Universitye shewed me, then for any other cause hated, ioynn'de wth. these heades, and summon'd me to appeare before them; yeate not soe suddenlye, but I was given to understand, that yf I appear'de, he wold de facto committ me to prison. Whereupon, one of these inconveniences, either to incurr by submission a disgrace nev^r. heard of in a proctour of an Universitye, and most unbeseeinge my person (havinge soe nere a dependaunce upon soe Honourable a P^rsonage) or els by resistinge a suspicion to be the authour of a riot and tumulte, into w^{ch}.

I sawe all the m^{rs}. so readye to enter; hereupon I gave place to this Bedleme felowe, whom I knewe arm'de with authoritye, and appeal'de to our newe-chosen Chauncelour, where I had an honourable and noe disgracefull releese.

Here indeed we have stucke these ten weeks. The vicech^r. desirous of somme disgrace on me before my going out of this office, and I on the contrarye endeavoured to gett of the stage without any hishing. True, the E. of Suffolke hath dealte earnestly for him and many of the Heades of the Universitye: the L. Chancelour as earnestlye for me, and the whole bodie of the maisters; and I thinke we are at an ende.

This is all that suite in lawe your Wor. heares of. Soe as my prosperous succes in that first enterprize you speake of, hath bene the source and ofspringe of the second. It was spoken of olde in the comendacion of Traiane, *Nec bella times, nec provocas*. I confesse I am not soe valourous; for I protest I feare troubles, and am contente with any losse of money to redeeme my quietnes. My farmour in Northamptonshire can witnes it well, of whom (as Mr. Johnes my best freynde can testifie) I was gladde, for quietnes' sake, to take 50l. where 100l. was due; and that but this laste winter. Marye, a man's creditte once loste cannot be soe well supplied as his money. *Profligatissimi homuncionis est* (saiethe Tullie) *negligere famam et diligere pecuniam*. Creditte and virginities are seldomme recover'd. And especiallie for a scholler, it is the ayre he breathes in, and deprive him of that he hath noe longer beinge. But I take your common Barrestours to be plainetifes, not (as my case is) inere passive defendaunts. It was helde a disgrace to Claudius the Emperour, that he was to readye to putte uppe:

Non faciendo fuit, sed patiendo, nocens.

And the greatest creditte that ever Cato hadde, that, being cal'de in question two and fourtie severall times, he ever assoilde himselfe, and was clear'de by the judges. I hadd leifer be quiet indeede, if it were possible for one and the same man to be

imployed in actions of this nature as to make a freynde Mr. of soe great a Colledge, and receive noe envie afterward. Thus much of that busines, because I wolde in your Wor. accompte be freedde, *non solum a crimine, verum etiam et a criminatione.*

Now, Sir, I pray you give me leave to request you to take somme to congratulate your coz. our maister his fortunes, and to thank him for paste and desire his furtherance for futures, in the behaulfe of your sonne. He hath (upon my suyte) bestowed a chamber on them. And I do not knowe, whither (upon these occasions of difference we heare of betwixt your Wor. and his brother) he expecte somme complementes.

Sæpe rogare soles qualis sim, Prisce, futuris,
Si iam locuples, sinque repente potens.
Quenquam posse putas mores narrare futuros?
Dic mihi, si fueris tu leo, qualis eris.

Martial, Lib. xii. Epig. 94.

Not that I finde the gentleman a whit altered; but that I knowe your Wor. beinge putt in mynde not to be backward in these ceremonies.

My coz. Robin, for his shorte time of absence, was but at Sir Thom. Tresham, my wor. good freynde, invited thither by his sonne and heyre, one of his companions.

Thus most thankefull for your Wor. greater care of soe poor a kinsman as my selfe, I will ever rest

Your Wor. much obliged

JOHN WILLIAMS.

[PROCTO]R's BOOTH in STURBRIDGE,
the 13th of Sept. 1612.

[To the r. worshipfull his most approved
lovinge Coz. Sir John Wynne Knight
Barronett at Gwyder.]

LETTER X.

WILLIAMS TO SIR JOHN WYNNE. [*Eur. Mag.* xxi.]

Westminster College, Dec. 14, 1620.—From the Same, then
Dean of Westminster, to the Same.

SIR,

YOUR eldest Sonne hath acquaynted me with a Lre received but yesterday from your selfe, wherein you seem to be troubled and offended, doth trouble him very much. Sir, believe me (who beinge a Stander-by can censure persons with a clearer judgement) there is noe want in your Sonne, but those wants that you are much bound to be thankefulle unto God for—a want of dishonesty, and (wch ever accompanyeth the same) a want of distrust; supposinge that he hadd to deale with Gentlemen, and not with Jugglers and interceptors of Letters. The present Ld Chancelr is not of that regularitye and fixedness in his motion that other starrs placed in that orbe have been of. He promised your Sonne the Writt shold not be delivered to his Competitor, yeat if this be effected, what action hath Sir Richard against his Lordp, or yourself against Sr Richard? Your Sonne (willing to save chardges, as havinge in this kynde noe great superfluityes) omitted to send hired messengers, but took onely opportunityes (of trust as he thought) to make his dispatches to the Marches and to yourselfe. If his pragmaticall adversarye hath wayelayde them, what great oversight is this in Sr Richard? consideringe the Combat was to be fought, not for the fortunes of Greece, but who shod be at the charge to doe his Country service.—And for your *contraria inter se opposita*, &c. you have hadd good time and reason to forgett your Logicke—for these must ever be *contraria sub eodem genere posita*, they must be both of a kynde and a feather as it were, not betweene an active and buysie Solicitor of Causes and a Gentleman attendant on the Person of a Prince. Those that conceive that the Pragmaticalitie is becominge the one

of these, wch peradventure may be connived at in the other, are verye ignorant and understand not what becoms either of them. Sir Richard Wynne is as sufficient and as well behaved a Gentleman as any North Wales hath afforded these many years, nor is he either lazie or inactive in his own Element; nor hath he omitted any one point in all this Canvas, unless it be his not morteringe and cementinge his motions at York House and the Marches with som molten sylver, for want whereof (you know what hard weather hath beene) they mouldered away unto nothinge. Nowe if these omissions have weighed heavy upon yourself and redoubled your endeavours in the Country, you shall fynde (in coulde thoughts) there was some cause, that your shoulders shoulde support the better part of the burthen. The opposition grew not here in London (for then Sir Richard had been too slowe of observation to sende you advertisement thereof not sooner) but it began at home in the Countrey, against the greatnes not of your Sonne but of Yourselfe and your House.

This I knowe very well, as havinge taken no small paines in reconcilinge your sonne and Mr. Gryffith betimes, wch I had soon effected, but that I found (by a little disputation) that the roote of the opposition laye hidde in Wales, and the Gentleman was onlie sett up as an active instrument to advance of closer opposites. Then, Sir, you will perceiue that as you have bestyred you right worthilye, so have you fought the battle not for your sonne but for yourselfe and your House, both which shold have been wounded through the sides of your Sonne.—

Now for the divertinge of the Place upon your Second Sonne I cannot mislike it, as beinge more for your honor and the shame of the opposer. But without doubt your ground is mistaken for point of law, that shold exclude discontinuers from this imployment. For besides that my old *Maister*¹ (one who perfectly understood and indeclinablye observed the Statute Laws) made all his men in attendance Burgesses in one place or other—

¹ Lord Ellesmere.

Secretary Calvert — Secretary Panton, Sir H. Carye, all the Kings and the Princes Gentlemen already chosen to several Places confute this doctrine—And it is but Monday last that I procured Sir Edwd Villars, half Brother to my Lord Admirall, to be elected one of our Burgesses for Westminster—soe as you need not change Sonnes for such a Statute Scruple.

Thus farre I am drawne out of a desire to give you satisfaction that your Sonne hath omitted no understandinge course beseeminge a Gentleman of his ranke (whom tricks and gambolls doe noe way becom) in the managinge of this business—but on the contrarye side hath manifested unto the world, that his carriage hath been such and soe fayre, as hath gayned unto him the love of all men of better sort, and especially of all the prime Officers about the King and the Prince, whoe have oppenly declared themselves upon this occasion.—My place, callinge, and love to yourselfe, may free me from all suspicion of flattery—He is a Sonne worthy everie waye to be the Heyre not of your Landes onely but of your creditt and reputation also, and therefore as you have been at great care and cost to leave him possessor of the one, soe doe not grieve to cast away somme money and to use your best freyndes to leave him (that deserves it soe well) inheritor alsoe of the other. I take my leave, and leave you, and my good Ladye, and my Cozens at home with my best prayers and wishes in Gods protection, resting your assured lovinge and

true Friend

JOHN WILLIAMS,

Dean of Westminster.

LETTER XI.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO WILLIAMS.

Baker's MS. XXVII. 257.

A Letter Gratulatorie sent to DR WILLIAMS, Deane of Westminster, made privy Counsellor and Ld Keeper.

HONORATISS. PRÆSUL,

NON frustra credidimus votis et suffragiis nostris, de te jam diu magna promittentibus fortasse et majora quam hodie evenerunt: si leniter nobiscum agis, da veniam nostræ prope-
rationi, qui longa virtutum tuarum experientia anticipavimus ipsius Reip. felicitatem. Nos enim meritorum tuorum notitia præcessimus profecto Ecclesiam, præcessimus Remp., quibus tum adjuvandis te natum fuisse jam apparet. Multum (nisi fallimur) nobis jactare licet, et gaudere plurimum, qui illas virtutes in herba novimus, quæ jam in lætam et tempestivam segetem prodierunt. Hanc semper maturitatem promisit (quæ semper in te fuit) morum et doctrinæ Canities, in Juventute olim veneranda. Gratulamur igitur Honorificentiae tuæ, nec non temporum felicitati, qua boni et docti Dignitates consequuntur, qua evangelica hominum natio non ad pericula (ut olim) verum ad honores virtute perveniunt. Infelices essemus, neque a literis vere oriundi, si unquam majori gaudio nos afficeret mortale cujusquam decus, quam cum videmus Regum consilia munita pietate et conscientia Religiosorum Præsulum. Gaudemus præterea securo (ut credimus) legum et Justitiæ fato: cujus enim fidei tutius demandatur Forum æquitatis, quam cui a Deo committuntur animæ? Aut quis justior Legum humanarum Interpres, quam is, qui potest optime divinas? Cessamus (Illustrissime vir) spem aut opinionem nostram verbis ultra provehere, quam oportet modeste et serio de te

optima expectantes. Præstet Deus Op. Max. nobis Comprecantibus, ut diuturnis et intaminatis honoribus diu fulgeas.

Honori tuo deditissimi M^r et Socii

Seniores Coll. D. Joh. Evang.

Dat. e Coll. D. Joh. Evang.

Jul. 1621.

LETTER XII.

WILLIAMS TO ST JOHN'S COLLEGE.

[*Ibid.* p. 258.]

An Answer return'd to the former Letter.

ORNATISSIMI VIRI ET FLORENTISSIMA SOCIETAS,

LITERAS vestras longe amantissimas, non modo referenda, sed ne cogitanda quidem gratia consequi possum. Invidere homines non gratulari paribus aut Inferioribus, cum se relictos sentiunt, advertit orator. Vos autem (viri Literatissimi) quibus me jam olim (sed et tum, contigisset modo occasio, fautor commendatorque), quovis in Ecclesia aut Rep. Honore dignissimis valedixisse memini, hujus tantæ erga me et tam longæ Principis Indulgentiæ causam aliquam fingere conamini. Amorem certe vestrum et candorem satis mirari non possum, Philosophiam hac una in re non laudo; quandoquidem hanc fortunarum et dignitatis, quæcunque demum sit, accessionem, effectum aliquem statuere videamini, cum revera siet Miraculum. In me aut a me nihil reperio palmarium, nisi fortasse unum hoc, e vobis aliquando quod unus fuerim: quibus si ullo debitæ pietatis cultu et officio inservire potero, usu experiemini

Societatis vestræ celeberrimæ Amantissimum

Alumnum, JOHAN. LINCOLN. elect. Custod. Sigilli.

E Colleg. S^{ti} Petri quod est

Westmonasterii 15^o. die Aug.

1621.

LETTER XIII.

WILLIAMS TO ST JOHN'S COLLEGE.

Baker's MS. XXVII. 263.

A Copy of a Letter sent from the Rt. Hon. the Lord Bp. of
LINCOLNE, Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of England.

AFTER my very hearty commendations unto you all; Where-
as Mr Downhalt my Chaplain one of the Fellowes of our Col-
ledge, is employed to wait upon S^r Edward Herbert Lord
Embassador Leiger for his Majesty with the French King:
These are to desire you to grant him leave of absence, according
to the locall Statutes of the Colledge, w^{ch} (as I remember) is per
Triennium; and withall to order unto him some competent allow-
ance, as shall be agreeable to the former Presidents in this
kynd, the state of the Colledge, & your own discretions, for so
much tyme as he shall spend in the Family of the Lord Embas-
sador, he being all that while *Regiis negotiis occupatus*. And
what favor you shall shew unto him herein, I shall acknowledge
as reflecting upon my Intercession. And so I recommend both
your selves and all the rest of the Fellowes, Schollers, &
Students of that worthy Society to Gods mighty protection, &
shall rest for ever,

Your Assured Loving & Affect. Friend,

JOH. LINCOLNE, Custos Sigilli.

WESTM. COLL. Dec. 22. 1622.

In answe're to this Letter the M^r and Seniors granted unto
M^r Downhalt three yeares dayes of absence, if he should continue
so longe in the House & service of the s^d. Lord Embassadour:
& moreover granted unto him, during the time of his service
only, the benefit of his commons, w^{ch} is 12*d*. weekly, & like-
wise his wages, & Livery, & Corn money due from the Senior
Burser, & also his part of the weekly Divident, as it shall fall

out to be more or less; & likewise have permitted unto him his Chamber during his absence. In w^{ch} consideration he is to provide, that all those Scholasticall Acts, w^{ch} in his presence he should performe in or for the Colledge, be likewise performed in his absence.

Ita testor ROBTUS LANE Registrarius.

LETTER XIV.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO WILLIAMS.

Baker's MS. XXVII. 264.

A Copy of a Letter to the Rt. Hon. the L^d. Bp. of LINC.
Lord Keeper &c.

RT. HON. OUR MOST SINGULAR GOOD LORD,

IT is not the hope of some transcendent favor beyond equity, nor yet any sullen humor of contention, that makes us thus troublesome to your Ldp.; but onely the just defence of a portion of our poore Inheritance, against an Injury heretofore happily repulsed, but now strongly reattempted. May it therefore please your Honor to understand, that the Mannor of Hilton near Cambridge, being charged with a good summe of money, called Pontage money, towards the maintenance of the Town Bridge in Cambridge: the Lord of Hilton hath ever heretofore paid the s^d entire summe out of his Mannor Lands onely, & thereby freed all the Copy and Freeholders from that charge, as your Petitioners are well able to prove: yet now of late, the Inheritance coming into a strangers hand (and new Lords coveting new Lawes) the present Lord seeketh to ease himself, by imposing the greatest, if not two parts of the whole upon the poore Tenants, amongst whome wee also shall suffer, if that course take effect. The late Lord Chief Justice upon the like Information at an Assise, discharged and sett free all the Tenants from this new Imposition, as this Bearer is ready to shew. That

order being since controuled by M^r Justice Dodriche, our humble Petition to your Ldp. is, you would be pleased to take the Cause into your honorable Consideration, that might prevail not to overthrow right, if it shall be found to stand with us. And wee your humble supplicants shall be bound to pray for your Ldp's increase of honor & happiness.

Your Lordship's Most bounden

The M^r & SENIORS.

ST JOHN'S, Febr. 5th. 1622.

LETTER XV.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO BISHOP CAREY.

Baker's MS. XXVII. 265.

To DR CAREY Ld. Bp. of Exeter.

REV^{DE}. IN CHRISTO PATER,

AUSPICATO conabimur Bibliothecæ fabricam, cum tu primus propensionis et opis tuæ columnas substruis, et perennia sane ominamur ipsa operis fundamina, non Artificis sed Authoris fama splendida. At quisquis ille omnium est, diu celari non potest: præfulgebit enim viri pietas eo ipso, quod non viseretur. Nemo enim hoc sæculo fuit, qui tanti beneficii famam, conscientiae ut impenderet, generosius contempserit, aut qui magna moliens, felicius liberalitatis objectum *mutuit*¹. Multorum est benefacturos agere, at subita poenitentia; hic noster non citius se velle dixerit, ac benefecerit, quasi aliter loqui non potuit, quam facit, neque aliter facere, quam liberaliter et mature. Tuum est (Pientissime Præsul) virum publica cognitione dignissimum terrarum orbi in exemplum ostendere, ut tam hominibus quam Deo innotescat. Nos interim illi et Honorificentiae tuæ Hæreditariam pollicemur

¹ Baker has underlined this word as illegible; perhaps we should read *inuenerit*, the contraction for *er* being mistaken for the upper part of a *t*.

observantiam: neque enim multo minus solidæ pietatis est, demereri tibi societatem quam fundare. Deus Opt. Max. te sibi et ecclesiæ diutissime servet.

Honorificentiae tuæ studiosissimi &c.

Dat. e Coll. D. Joh.

Evang. 6º. Calend. Junii¹.

LETTER XVI.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO WILLIAMS.

BAKER'S MS. XXVII. 266.

To the BR. of LINCOLN Ld. Keeper, &c.

Honoratiss. et Reverendiss. in Christo Pater,

SERIO æternitati inchoas qui inter tot litium forensium curas, tot Principis et Reip: negotia, Religiosæ semper vacas liberalitati. Fruantur hac sane felicitate benevolorum animæ, ut priusquam homines esse desinant, fiant immortales. Tu (Benignissime Domine) dum Bibliothecæ *Materiaturam* nobis paras, fundamenta tibi excitas Immortalitatis. Nos egena Johannensium turba, non superbum aliquod, aut quod Vaticanum spondeat, meditamur ædificium, sed modesta saltem et decora tecta, quæ literis ob angustias verecundiam non excutiant. Queruntur enim, nec injuria liberales artes, Ambulacra, Dormitoria, Aulam, imo et Culinam sociorum numero parem (quæ Ptochodocheis quibusdam nobiscum sunt communia); solam Bibliothecam, qua Philosophi, qua Theologi audimus, qua Literatorum familia dici volumus, Musarum Majestati imparem. Virtute igitur tua (eximie Domine) mature opus erat, ut semel jacta et extructa Bibliothecæ fundamenta robur sumerent et sperarent culmina. Hoc tantum pertimescimus, ne cum tu pie et modeste munificentiam tuam in fundamento sepelieris, (quam multi solent inscribere in fastigio) erubescat aliorum benignitas operi tuo aliquid superstruere. Ligna

¹ Add 1623.

et latomos Rev. in Christo Pater Exon. Episc. te nobis prospecturum scribit, et gaudemus utroque beneficio. Quaecunque autem dederis non tam diuturna erunt, quam nominis tui memoria, quæ ut literis et pietati semper cœva sit, fecisti publice merendo, privatim quod jam facis vota precesque nostras sursum eriget, ut D. O. M. Honorificentiam tuam in exemplum bonitatis et Reip. columnen charissime et diutissime servaret.

Honoris tui observantissimi

Dat. Cant. e Coll. D. Joh.

Evang. 6^o. Calend. Junii. [1623 ?]

LETTER XVII.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO WILLIAMS.

BAKER'S MS. XXVII. 267.

To the LD. BP. of LINCOLN Ld. Keeper &c.

Honoratiss. et Rev. in Christo Pater,

QUANTUM tibi debet universa eruditio, testatur tua in nos immortalis benignitas, quibus dum τεχνόφρον curasti, ipsum Aristotelem, Galenum, et Justinianum, ipsos Sanctos Patres et Scholasticos libera quasi civitate donasti. Cives equidem sunt, nec Vaticano, nec Bodleianis moenibus indigni, sed hic apud nos domo inopes tanquam exules agitabant, donec Rev. in Christo Pater Epūs. Exon. secretis nos monuit nuntiis, reddidisse te patriam et speciosa Habitacula. Importunitas alios, alios gloria ad benigna stimulat, tu ultro et modeste: at quam pie per modestiæ nubem tanquam stella elucescit charitas. Ita tu (Benignissime Domine) ipso honesto contentus, esse mavelis quam dici, et conscientia magis frui quam fama Benefactoris. Nostrum tamen unumquemque fecit ipsa admiratio Lynceum, qui per ligna tandem et lapides, per ipsa operis fundamenta, latitantem aspeximus pietatem. Accurrit tota Collegiorum vicinia, stupet, sciscitatur quis

ille omnium sit, tam potens cum tanto munere hoc? cui soli in hac ferrea ætate et duritie temporum tam liberalis et aureus animus? Nos continuo Autorem. Tum omnes omnia bona dicere et laudare, prædicare nostram felicissimam Societatem, quæ quem olim habuit Alumnum, eundem meruerit Mecænatem. Ceterum cum tantæ munificentiae respondere miseri nesciamus, concedatur (rogamus Honorificentiam tuam) aliquid tenuitati nostræ, stupori aliquid, cujus elinguis esse solet et muta gratitudo. Felicius nonnunquam gratias agunt, quibus deest lingua, quam quibus animus, et pro ingentis beneficii gratiis unica Prærogativa silentium. Deus large exsolvat, quod nos compensare non possumus, et cum multas vivendi causas habeas, optimam conscientiam, et optimam famam, faxit diu vivas, et perpetuo benefacias, et cum pietatis tuæ monumenta viderit æmula Posteritas, virtutes tuas sedulo imitetur, ut imitetur olim benignitatem.

Honorificentiae tuæ studiosissimi

M^r et Seniores.

Dat. e Coll. D. Joh. Evang.
pridie Non. Nov. An. Dñi. 1623.

LETTER XVIII.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO WILLIAMS. (Baker U.S.)

Another to the same Ld. Keeper.

Reṽ. et Hon. in Christo Pater,

BENIGNITATIS tuæ culpa factum est quæ gratitudinem nostram inspirare non sinit, si nostræ Honorificentiam tuam importunius interpellant Literæ: scilicet ne ingrati videremur, aut immodestos nos esse oportet, aut te (quod Dii avertant) minus liberalem. Etenim tua ad nos Munera certatim convolant, et æmulatur beneficium beneficio, necdum vetera satis mirantibus interveniunt nova. Quænam est hæc (Benignissime Domine) reli-

giosa in te munerum contentio? An quia cætera *temperatus*¹, in Collegio hoc nostro adornando diligendoque modum non habere gestis? Spondes fundamenta, sed extruis Bibliothecam, auges Discipulorum numerum, ut augeas Sociorum, et nomen Fundatoris invitavit Patroni. Dum hæc agis, mittis insuper splendidam amoris tesseram, Pateram inauratam, et fortasse das largiter, ut copiosissime accipias. Ita quicquid possides, Johannensium jam credimus commune patrimonium. Subolescit enim indies tua in nos Munificentia, quasi nos te prius gratiis desineremus, quam tu nos prosequi beneficiis. Macte hoc animo (Felicissime Præsul) nam licet tu dati statim obliviscaris, et nos et Posterī nostri accepti semper meminerimus. Deus Opt. Max. Immortalitatem quam in terris inchoasti, Immortalitate inter Cœlestes remuneret.

Honori tuo deditissimi.

Dat. e Coll. D. Joh. Evang. 12^o. Cal. Febr. 1623.

BUILDING ACCOUNTS OF ST JOHN'S LIBRARY.

Baker's MS. XII. Harl. 7039. p. 166 (= 153).

“ Library, its building

The building of the New Library in two years, viz. 1623, 4, besides the roofe within, the Seats, & the Glazing, which were done severally afterwards, cost	}	Lib.	sh.	d.
		2509	„ 8	„ 6 ob.
Item, the Roof within		160	„ 0	„ 0
It., promisst to Hen. Man, If he did well, which was given		10	„ 0	„ 0
It., for the greater Seats, & lesser Seats		245	„ 0	„ 0
It., for the glazing		66	„ 13	„ 4
Sum Total		2991	„ 1	„ 10 ob.
S ^r Ralph Hare gave, which was spent in the foundation	}	192	„ 0	„ 0

¹ Underlined.

My Ld. of Lincoln gave	{	At severall times	1550	„	0	„	0	} 2011 „ 13 „ 4
		For the rooffe						
		within . . .	160	„	0	„	0	
		It. unto Hen. Man	10	„	0	„	0	
		For the great						
		seats . . .	200	„	0	„	0	
	{	Towards the lesser						} 787 „ 8 „ 6 ob.
		seats . . .	25	„	0	„	0	
		For glazing . . .	66	„	13	„	4	
The rest of the money (besides Jusses, &c.)								} 2991 „ 1 „ 10 ob.
all the time, which must amount to a								
great Summe) the College did pay, being								
								<hr/> 2991 „ 1 „ 10 ob.

To Mr Tho. Fothergill.

S^r

— I have perused some of my papers, and very fortunately have found the Library account, which I formerly told you of: Mr Bodurda sent it, and gather'd the account out of Mr Spell's Books, conferred with Mr Joh. Symons, who about that time was Sen. Bursar. I have it under Mr Bodurda's hand, who was my Ld's Chaplain, and without doubt, would do him all right.

I remain

Your's &c.

HEN. EYRE.

See, the Register of College Plate."

LETTER XIX.

JOHN HACKET TO DR GWIN.

WORTHY S^r

MY most servicable respects premised, it hath pleased my Honor^e. Lord to appoint one Bulkeley¹ for a scholler of his own

¹ Richard Bulkeley, afterwards fellow. See below, p. 64. He has verses in *Genethliacum Acad. Cantabr.* 1631, p. 94, and in *Carmen Natali-*

fundation in your noble societie. The youth is of extraordinarie hopes for his yong yeares, and had certainly been chosen to Trinitie College, but that his Lordship hath provided a better fortune for him. May it please you to understand, that yong Bulkeley had at this time personally come to Cambridg to bee admitted a Pensionar, but that his apparel & other necessaries are not provided; furthermore it is his Lordships pleasure to haue him stay for a month or twaine in Westminster schole, for y^e greater credit of y^e schole, when the schollers shal bee put to examination. It is M^r Owens and my own, and the request of diuerse more in our house, that you would bee pleased to grant Bulkeley the fauor, to suffer M^r Floud to admit him pensionar vnder his name out of hand, least He should loose a yeare by his lingring at Westminster: w^{ch} time would bee most advantageously gained for y^e yong scholler, if it might stand wth your good liking to admit him before y^e Commencement. This your noble courtesie shal much oblige unto you

Your seruant to be commanded

JOHN HACKET.

WESTMIN. ABBY

Junij 28^o.

1624.

[Dr Gwyn adds: R.(eceived) Julij 7: 1624.]

To the right Worsh^d: his most worthy Frend M^r Doctor Gwin Maister of S^t Johns College in Cambridg these be delivered].

cium, 1635. Sign. E. Thomas Bulkeley, probably a younger brother, was elected from Westminster to Trinity college in 1629 (*Alumni Westm.* p. 101).

LETTER XX.

WILLIAMS TO DR GWIN.

AFTE^r my verye heartye comendacōn, vnto you. If you thinke it fitt, to name any felowes in to those two places, w^{ch} I have foūded in you^r College, at this election: it is full time that I recommēd a covple vnto you, because you haue not (as I expected) recommēded any in particular vnto me in that kynde. I cannot (possiblye) obserue the fundamentall orders in this first Nomination, because none of my schollers are graduates. Nor doe I heare of any covntrey-man of myne, of any wo^rth o^r sufficiencie, that is a suytor fo^r any such place. I doe therefo^r name vnto you, John Barret M^r of Artes of that College in the first place, to be succeeded hence forward by one of the twoe Englishe schollers.

And doe desire you to enquire diligentlly, whither S^r Moston of Queenes College be an able & sufficient scholler to be placed in the other. But I beseech you as you love & respect me, if he be not passablye sufficient, lett him neuer be named o^r thought vpon any furthe^r. But in case he be a good scholler then forthwth admitted. And in case S^r Moston be but rawe & soe past ouer (for whō I will otherwise prouide) then my desire is that you place in the othe^r Fellowship one Edward Baker a M^r of Artes of Trinitye College, who is euer after to be succeeded by one of the Welshe schollers of my Foundacō. And I doe desire you (wth the approbacōn of the Seniors) to make such an entraūce vpon theyr admission.

I doe the rather make choice of these two, because they are eminent schollers, & will deserue shortllye good Benefices (if I can soe accommodate them) & make waye fo^r myne owne poore schollers to succede them.

I recommend this buisines to your disposinge wholly, and my selfe to the seniors of your howse and the rest of the felowes,

whō God Almightye blesse & prosper in all knowledge & piety,
and am

Your very assured louing freynd
& cozen

Jo. LINCOLN, C. S.

WESTM^R. COLL.
this 30th of
Decemb. 1624.

To my very louing cozen M^r D^r Gwynne Archdeacon of
Huntington, and M^r of S^t Johns Colledge in Cambridg deliuer
these.

[Admissio Sociorum Apr. 6, 1625.

Ego¹ Joan. Barrett admissus sum in perpetuum Socium hujus
Collegii pro D^o Joanne Episcopo Lincolnensi.

On² the same day in the same terms Gul. Mostyn.

The other admissions for the bishop are: i. Cardell Goodman
of Hartfordsh. March 31, 1626. ii. Wm. Rogers of Flintsh.
Mar. 19, 1634-5. iii. Wm. Morgan of Monmouthshire, Mar.
12, 1642-3.]

LETTER XXI.

WILLIAMS TO SIR JOHN WYNNE. [*Eur. Mag.* xxi.]

From the Same (JOHN WILLIAMS, Bishop of Lincoln), after he
lost the Great Seal.

Bugden, 1 Dec. 1625.

SIR,

WITH the remembrance of my love and best affections
unto you—Being very sensible of that great good will you have
ever borne me, I thought it not unnecessary to take this course
with you, wch I have done with no other Frynd in the worlde, as

¹ "Memorand. that this Place is for ever to be succeeded out of one of the
two scholars of the L^d. Bp. his Foundation."

² "Memorand. that this Place is for ever to be succeeded out of one of the
Two Scholars of Wales for the L^d. Bp. of Lincoln."

to desire you to be no more troubled with this late accident befallen unto me, than you shall understand I am myselfe. There is nothing happened which I did not foresee and (sithence the death of my dear Maister) assuredly expect, nor laye it in my power to prevent, otherwise than by the sacrificinge of my poor estate, and that wch I esteeme farre above the same, my reputation. I knowe you love me too well, to wishe that I shold have been lavishe of either of these, to continue longer (yeat noe longer than one Man pleased) in this glorious miserye and splendid slaverie, wherein I have lived (if a Man may call such a toilinge a livinge) for these fyve years almost. I loosinge the Seals I have lost nothinge, nor my Servants by any fault of mine, there being nothing either layde or so much as wispered to my charge. If I have not the opportunitie I hadd before to serve the King, I have much more conveniencye to serve God—wch I embrace as the onely end of Gods love and providence to me in this sudden alteration.

For your Sonne Owen Wynne (who together with my debts is all the object of my worldye thoughts and cares) I will performe towards him all that he can have expected from me, if I live; and if I dye, I have performed it allreadye——

You neede not feare any misse of me, being so just and reserved in all your desires and requests; having alsoe your Eldeste Sonne neare the Kinge and of good reputation in the Court, who can give you a good account of any thinge you shall recommend unto him——

Hopinge therefore that I shall ever hold the same place I did in your love, wch was first fixed on my person, not my late place, and wch I will deserve by all the freyndlye and lovinge offices which shall lie in my power, I end with my prayer unto God for the continuance of your health, and doe rest your very assured loveinge Friend and Cozen

JO. LINCOLN.

LETTER XXII.

COUNTESS OF SOUTHAMPTON TO DR GWYN.

BAKER'S MS. XXVII. 272.

A Letter from the COUNTESS of SOUTHAMPTON.

M^R D^R GWYN,

THE great love & affection, that my dearest Lord, now with God, did ever bear unto the honor & good of that worthy Society of yours, & that respect & honor, w^{ch} reflected from you all again, both towards himself & his Howse, doe oblige me also by what meanes I may, to endeavor that his name & memory may for ever live and be fresh amongst you. And to that purpose having found, that in his life Tyme, out of his own noble Inclination, he had designed certain books unto the new Library of your House, w^{ch} have been all this tyme carefully by me preserved entire, I hope in number (for the Catalogue is with you, and not with me) and safe from harme. Now soe soone as notice could be taken, that the place grew to a readines to receive them, I have herewithall sent them unto you, as a testimony of the good will & affection, borne unto your House from hence. For here I must needs take notice of the great honor & respect done to my sonne, at his last being with you, who as I hope, he will therein imitate his noble [Father] in his love to learning & to you, soe for the present I cannot but with many thanks for the same, bee very sensible of the noble usage he found amongst you. And thus wishing upon your studies Gods blessing, with much happiness unto you all, I rest

Your very Loving Friend,

E. SOUTHAMPTON.

SOUTHAMPTON HOUSE in
Holborne, Aug. 1626.

LETTER XXIII.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO THE COUNTESS.

[*Ibid.* p. 273].

An Answer to the former Letter.

MADAM,

THIS Monument of love prepared before by our most noble Lord deceased, & now erected by your kind hand, wee receive from you and embrace with the best acknowledgments that can proceed from your devoted. The gift designed expresseth the bounty of the Hon^{ble} Donor, and your Ladyship by the manner of accomplishing it hath added noe small Lustre to it. Your dextrous speed anticipating our expectation, your care that they should come free unto us without any the least charge, are things that few could have thought of besydes your noble selfe; whereby as you reared up a lasting statue to the memory of our ever to be honoured Lord, so have you withall given just occasion, that your blessed name may for ever live in us, with his. And indeed you have so wrought it, that while wee enjoy your happy life, wee shall not seem to have altogether lost him, whom we still find living in your gracious affection towards us. Yet further as if that noble Family contended still more to endear us to them, It pleaseth your Ladyship to interprett that small expression of that love & duty, w^{ch} wee shall ever acknowledge due from us to that House, as an honor & extraordinary respect done to your noble sonne living with us. Wee ingenuously confess, It was some grief to us to part so soon with him, whose demeanor was so fair and noble amongst us, that our best usage of him came far short of his deservings. But it pleaseth your goodnes to looke upon our actions through a multiplying Glass, w^{ch} presents every thing to the eye far greater then indeed it is: so while wee endeavor to pay some part of the debt wee owe, through your

more then courteous acceptance wee shall come into further Bonds. As if your Ladyship had resolved (as was once sayd of a right noble person) to be rich in nothing but in obligations. Not to be further troublesome to your Honor: Give us leave in the name of the whole Society to present our humble duty and thankses to your noble selfe and that Hon^{ble} Family. And soe wee take leave, and rest

Your Ladyship's to be commanded
The PRESIDENT and SENIORS.

ST JOHN'S in CAMBR. Sept. 18, 1626.

To the most Hon^{ble} & vertuous
Lady the Lady Elizabeth Countess
of Southampton.

LETTER XXIV.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE TO WILLIAMS.
BAKER'S MS. XXVII. 274.

Honoratiss. et Reverendiss. in X^{to} Patri Dnō. Johi. Epō. Lincoln.

ILLUSTRISSIME Præsul, (et quod omnibus titulis majus) Piissime Religionis Fautor et Propagator. Nos gratias tibi minime agimus (quod alii pro more facere amant) sed Honores, ringentibus adversariis, quam plurimos habemus. Nec enim Dignitati tuæ honores pares excogitare possumus. Quippe tu inter alia Magnificentiae tuæ opera Collegium nomine S^{ti} Johannis celebratum æterno, tum pietatis in Deum, tum *εὐεργετίας* in posteros, monumento locupletasti; Iners et ignavum hoc vocabulum (Honoratiss. Dñe) besti. Fecisti utique ut nomen Johannis sine superstitione veneremur. Tu non solum magna loqueris, sed vivis, et fama tua in omne ævum superstes erit. De Bibliotheca tua nemo est qui ad honorem tuum satis loqui vel scribere possit. Nos gratias debitas solvendo non sumus. Misimus ad te Rationarium nostrum, quod si prudentia tua æqui consulat, nihil est amplius quod votis nostris accedere possit.

Interea temporis Benefacta tua gratissima memoria recalemus,
et omnem felicitatem adprecabimur tibi, qui vivis, loqueris
scribis, ædificas æternitati. Alii forsan jactantius nomen tuum
et beneficentiam celebrabunt, nulli mortalium verius, quam cognomines
tui Johannenses. Precantes insuper sumus, ut omnis salutis Autor te diutissime servet incolumem, qui Gloria es et
decus nostrum, qui Currus et Auriga Israelis.

Dignitati tuæ deditissimi devotissimique.

Dat. e Collegio tuo, octavo

Iduum Novemb. 1626.

LETTER XXV.

WILLIAM WYNN TO DR GWIN.

S^r.

OUT of my obligation to my noble Lord, y^e L^d. Busshopp
of Lincoln, founder of yo^r. Colledge Library, and my particuler
respects to the same Colledg; (wherof J was sometimes an vn-
worthie member, though but of short continewance) J have made
choise of some bookes in number two & twentie, their names
being mentioned in the Catalogue inclosed, w^{ch}. J send yow by
my Cosyn William Mostyn, desiring this fauor, that yew would
bee pleased to cause them to be deliuered into that library, and
soe placed as that they may stand together.

J am heartely sorry to heare of yo^r. indisposition of health,
w^{ch}. J pray God to restore & long to continew to the comforte
of yo^r. freinds. Jt is the prayer of yo^r. vnfaigned loving cosyn and
seruant,

WILL. WYNN.

From my brothers house in
the Stronde, this xxiiiith of Maye.

To the Right Wor^{ll}. M^r. D^r. Gwyn maister of [St John's
Colle]dge in [Cambridge.]

LETTER XXVI.

WILLIAMS TO DR GWIN.

MY very good Cozen. J have a greate desire to be an earnest suyter to you and the Seniors against this next Election of felowes, if you will giue me leave, & to remayne much obliged fo^r the fauoure.

That yong Bulkley¹, my kinsman & youres, & a scholler of excellent & rare improvement, may be chosen fellowe, in M^r Floods² feloweshipp, being one of your Vnkles fōudacōn. J shall acknowledge this an especiall Courtesie. And to deserue it in parte.

J will (God soe permittinge) provide some better preferment for M^r Lloyd, within the Cōpasse of this yeare, at the furthest, then now he hath. And,

Jf there be any yong man, you desire provided for, not soe fitt peradventure for an vniversitye, as this yong man is, J meane Bulkley, J will bestowe a viccariage vpō him, w^{ch} J cannot but be enabled to doe, once in six monethes, if J may knowe the man. And J will beside, acknowledge the fauoure. And fo^r the same rest ever as J doe remayne

You^r affectionat lovinge
Cozen :

JO. LINCOLN.

BUCKDEN, 24. of Nou. 1628.

To my reverend and worthy Cozen

M^r D^r Gwynne M^r of S^t Johns

College in Cambrige.

¹ "Ego Ric. Bulkley Regia Autoritate admissus sum in perpet : Socium in locum proximum vacaturum pro dña Fundatrice, ex parte Australi Monensis." Admissio Sociorum Mar. 25. 1629. He was no doubt of the family of Sir Rd. Bulkeley of Beaumaris. See indexes to the *Calendars of State Papers* under Jas. I. and Charles I.

² "Ego Edw. Lloyd Denbigh : admiss : in perp : Soc : pro D^{re} Gwyn." Admissio Sociorum Mar. 27. 1618.

LETTER XXVII.

From JOHN WILLIAMS, Archbishop of York, to Mr BRADSHAW,
Chief Justice of Chester, and Mr WARBURTON his Associate
in that Circuit. [*Eur. Mag.* xxi.]

Gwyder 24 March 1647.

RIGHT HONBLE——

I LIVE here under the favour and protection of both the most honourable Houses of Parl: to whom I am much bound in that Kynde, and in the House of Sir Richard Wynne my nere Kinsman and a constant member of the House of Commons——

Where upon my return from Ruthyn (where I hadd the opportunitye to salute you) I finde, that Sir Rd Wynne is a Patentee for the post Fynes &c. of the Countyes of Cheshyre and Flintshyre, and hath assigned his Brother Owen Wynne for the executinge of that place, who by these late distractions and discontinuance of the Assizes is threatened by the Attorneys and some other Officers now in place in those countyes to be putt of from the employment and receivinge of the profitts of that Office, the¹ rest accountable unto the psent Estate, for the rent reserved upon the Patent and (at this instant) calld upon for the arrears of 4 years rents, wherein, for want of Circuits and peaceable times, there hath been little profit, and yeat forced to give satisfaction to the Committee for the Revenue, and all this under a ptext that this shold be a grievance in those two Coutyes, wch both you (and myself too upon some remembrance of the course heretofore) doe know to be noe grievance but a constant and settled Revenue to the Crowne in all England, in the Dutche of Lancaster and the several Countyes of North Wales and South Wales.

¹ they.

My humble suite therefore to you on the behalfe of my Landlord Sir Rd Wynne and his Assignee is this, that he maye, by your favoure, proceede peaceably in the execution of his Office (wch he hath under both the greate Seale of England and the Seale of the Chamberlayne of that Countye Palatyne) until such time as by any complaynt before the most honorable House or the Committee of the Revenue this shal be proved to be any such pretended greivance either in point of right or of Execution. And for this just favoure not onely Sir Richd Wynne, the Patentee, and his Brother the Assignee, shal be readye in all thankfull acknowledgement to take notice thereof, but myselfe, though a stranger and of late acquaintance yeat much your Servant, for your great care of the Justice and quietnes of these partes, in order to theyr obedience to the psent Government, shall be obliged to remayne to the utmost of my poore Abilitie your

very faithful and Humble Servant.

Jo: EBORAC.

qui fuit.

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XXVIII. Williams to the lord admiral. Westminster, 27 Jul. 1621. On archbishop Abbot's killing a man. On his own business relating to the great seal.

XXIX. Williams to Dr Collins. Westm. 11 Mar. 162 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recommends Medcalfe of St John's as Hebrew professor.

XXX. Same to King's college. Westm. 1 Oct. 1622. Begg them to allow Richard Herne B.A. to travel beyond seas.

XXXI. Same to Dr Collins. Westm. 21 Oct. 1622. Sends articles exhibited unto him by Richard Day, and begs them to conclude on some just course.

XXXII. King's college to Williams. 28 Oct. 1622. Cannot comply with his request for Herne, his fellowship having lapsed, as appears by a certificate from his tutor.

XXXIII. Williams to Buckingham. 2 Mar. 162 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recommends him either to take the office of lord steward himself, or to discontinue it.

XXXIV. Williams to Dr Collins. Non-such, 27 Aug. 1624. Recommends "this little man, the bearer."

XXXV. Williams to Sir James Whitlock. Westminster, 3 Oct. 1624. The king wishes to remove him from Chester to the king's bench.

XXXVI. Same to Buckingham. Westminster, 7 Jan. 1625. Begs leave to kiss the king's hand.

XXXVII. Same to Dr Collins. Buckden, 4 Apr. 1627. Begs the college to deal fairly with their tenant, lord Straunge, in renewing the lease of Prescot rectory.

XXXVIII. Same to same and to Mr Clifford. Buckden, 1 Aug. 1627. Proposes a private hearing of an appeal on the part of Mr. Jenour against an election at Eton.

XXXIX. Same to same. Buckden, 15 Jan. 1627. Still on Jenour's case.

XL. Same to same. Westm. 27 June, 1628. Inclines to think that Jenour has the best right.

XLI. Same to same. Buckden, 20 Aug. 1632. Thanks for his kindness to "a poore nephewe of mine."

XLII. Same to same. Buckden, 19 Jul. 1633. Has examined his kinsman, who will need the "mayne helpe" of his tutor, if he is to repay the trouble spent upon him.

XLIII. Same to earl of Arundel and Surrey. Tower, 2 Oct. 1640. Begs that he may be removed from the Tower, where he is now disturbed by the noise of the soldiers. Excuses his conduct relating to his kinsman, Hampden.

XLIV. Same to the house of lords. Cawood, 3 Jul. 1642. Came to Yorkshire by the king's command. Will request the king to allow him to obey the order of the house.

XLV. Same to his cousin, Thomas Bulkley. Conway, 16 May, 1643. Recommends him to send ammunition to lord Capel.

XLVI. Same to same. 7 Sept. 1643. War news. Desires him to meet lord Capel, to concert measures for the king's service.

XLVII. Same to earl of Manchester. [Shortly before 20 Apr. 1647]. Thanks for an ordinance of the lords, pardoning his support of the king's cause.

[For access to the letters in the treasury of King's college, I am indebted to the Rev. Thomas Brocklebank.]

LETTER XXVIII.

WILLIAMS TO THE LORD ADMIRAL BUCKINGHAM.

Ellis' Original Letters, 3rd Series, iv. 184; *Cabala*, i. 55; from MS. Harl. 7000, art. 30.

My Most Noble Lord,

An unfortunate occasion of my L. Grace his killinge of a man¹, casually (as it is here constantly reported), is the cause of my secondinge of my yesterdayes letter unto your L^p. His Grace (upon this accident) is, by the common lawe of England to forfeyt all his Estate unto his Ma^{tie}. and by the Canon lawe (which is in force with us) Irregular, *ipso facto*, and soe suspended from all ecclesiastical function, untill he be agayne restored by his Superior, which (I take it) is the Kings Majestye, in this ranke and order of ecclesiasticall jurisdiction. If you send for D^r Lamb², he will acquaint your Lordship with the distinct penalties in this kynde. I wish with all my heart, his M^{tie} wold be as mercifull as ever he was in all his life: but yeat I held it my dutye to lett

¹ "Whilst the archbishop of Canterbury was a hunting in Burnhill park, belonging to my lord Zouch, near Hertford bridge, he killed the keeper by chance with a cross-bow. The quære was, whether he should incur the penalty of irregularity by this involuntary manslaughter, or suspension?"—Camden's *Annals*, Jul. 18, 1621. "The archbishop . . . is declared by the delegates neither to have incurred the penalty of irregularity, nor to have done any scandal to the church."—*Ibid.* Nov. 1621. The controversy may be seen in Fuller's *Church Hist.* v. 484 seq. vi. 42 seq. with Brewer's notes; Heylyn's *Laud*, 81 seq.; D'Ewes' *Life*, i. 201 seq.; Rushworth, i. 434 seq.; Hacket's *Williams*, i. 65 seq.; *Clarorum virorum ad G. J. Vossium epistolæ*, p. 29 b; Wood's *A. O.* ii. 561 seq.; *Cabala* (4to. Lond. 1654) i. 12; Wilkins, *Concil.* ii. 462; Rymer, xvii. 340; Howell's *State Trials*; *Calendar of State Papers*, 1619-23, pp. 278 seq. Williams and Laud both refused to be consecrated by him (*ibid.* 287).

² "Doctour Lamb (the bearer) is a very sufficient, and (for ought I ever heard of him) an honest man. The King hath employed him in discovery of counterfeit Witchcrafts, in reforming of no counterfeit, but hearty Puritanes, and he hath done good service therein." Williams to Buckingham (*Cabala*, i. 62. 22 July 1621). Cf. Hacket, i. 37; *Calendar of State Papers*.

his M^{tie} knowe (by your Lordship) that his M^{tie} is falne upon a matter of great advise and deliberation.

To add affliction to the afflicted (as no doubt he is in mynde) is against the Kingis nature. To have *Virum sanguineum*¹, or a man of blood, primate and patriarke of all his Church, is a thinge that sounds very harshe in the old Councells and Canons of the Church. The Papists will not spare to descant upon the one and the other. I leave the knott to his M^{ties} deepe wisdom to advise and resolve upon.

A rume falne into myne eie (together with the rumor I last wrote unto your Lordship about) hath fastened me unto my bedd, which makes this letter the more unhansom. But I will take nothinge to heart that proceedes from that Kinge, who has raised me from the dust to all that I am. If the truth were sett downe, 1, that my selfe was the first mover for a temporarye Keeper, 2, that his M^{tie} has promised me upon the relinquishinge of the seale (or before) one of the best places in this Church, as most graciously he did², 3, the yeare and a halfes probation left out, which is to noe purpose, but to scarre away my men, and to putt a disgrace upon me, 4, that my assistinge judges were desired and named by myselfe, which your Lordship knows to be most true³: such a declaration would neither shame me nor blemish his M^{ties} service in my person. And it were fitter a great deale, the

¹ Cf. Decret. pars 2. caus. 23. qu. 8. c. 30 (from concil. Tolet. xi. c. 6, A.D. 675) *non debent agitare iudicium sanguinis, qui sacramenta Domini tractant*.

² "His Majestie (as your Grace best knoweth) promised me at the delivery of the Seal a better Bishoprick, and intended it certainly, if any such had fallen." Williams to Buckingham (*Cabala*, i. 85).

³ "He besought His Majesty . . . First, That the King would continue no Chancellor in that place above three years thenceforth; which should first be put in practice in this Mans person. Secondly, That he should be admitted in the Nature of a *Probationer* for one year and half; and if it appear'd the Charge of the Office to be above his Abilities, yet doing Justice equally to his best power, he should be rewarded with an Arch-Bishopric, or one of the best Bishoprics at the End of that Term. Thirdly, if upon the expiring of one year and half, it were found that he discharged the Trust to His Majesties contentment, the Royal Pleasure should be signified to continue him to the Triennial Period. . . . Fifthly, He moved earnestly

penning thereof were refer'd to my selfe, then to M^r Secretarye¹ or the Lo. Treasurer², who (if he hadd his demerit) deserves not to hold his staffe halfe a yeaere.

I doe verilye believe they will hasten to finish this Acte befor I shall heare from your Lordship, which if they doo, God send me patience and as much care to serve him, as I have, and ever hadd to serve my Maister. And then all must needes be well.

I send your Lordship a copy of that speech I have thought upon, to deliver at London upon Monday next at the Commission of the Subsidyes: If his Ma^{ty} have leasure to cast his eie there-upon, and to give direction to have any thinge els delivered, or any point of this suppressed, I would be directed by your Lordship, whom I recommend in prayers to Gods guidinge and protection, and doe rest ent^r

Your L^{pp}s true servant bound in all obligem^t.

John Williams,

Custos Sigilli.

Westm^r. Iulye the 27th, 1621.

To the right honourable my most
noble lord,
the L. Admirall at Court.

LETTER XXIX.

WILLIAMS TO DR COLLINS.

Orig., signature only autograph.

After my very hearty Comendacons. I thanke yow for yo^r kinde and loving l^res, and pray yo^w (not knowing that yow were one of the Electors, when J wrote to the rest) to further with

that the Court of *Chancery* might have a Master of the Rolls of exact knowledge and judgment to sit with him, Naming Sir *Robert Heath*. . . Sixthly, He petitioned for some of the principal Judges of the several Benches, whom he Named, that two at least should always assist him."—Hacket, i. 61; Chamberlain to Carleton, July 14. 1621.

¹ Sir R. Naunton.

² Henry Montague, visc. Mandeville, resigned the treasurership in Sept. 1621.

yo^r sufferage, & best endeavo^r, the choosing of M^r Medcalfe¹ of St. Johns to the Hebrew Lecturers place, if M^r. Docto^r. Bing²

¹ Robert Metcalfe, a native and benefactor of Beverley (Poulson's *Beverley*, 453—458); admitted Lupton scholar of St John's 6 Nov. 1594; Rookesbye fellow of St John's 10 Apr. 1606; as the next fellow on this foundation was admitted 1 Apr. 1623, it seems probable that Metcalfe became Hebrew professor in 1623; mathematical examiner at St John's St John Bapt. 1612; Hebr. lecturer 7 Jul. 1615; college preacher St Mark's day 1616. There is an elegy on him in N. Hooke's *Amanda* (1653), 121.

On the 6th of September 1645, the lords desired the commons to concur in the ordinance for making him a senior fellow of Trinity college, which was done: "Ordered, That Dr. *Medcalfe*, *Hebrew* Professor in *Cambridge*, be (according to that Indulgence which the Statute of that College allows him, cap. 41.) upon the relinquishing of his Professor's Place, put into one of the Fellowships in *Trinity Colledge*, now vacant by Ejectment" etc. (*Lords' Journ.* vii. 570 b, 574 b, 575 a.)

His will dated 9 Oct. 1652, proved 25 Apr. 1653, is in MS. Baker xxvi. 207—213. Among the bequests are "I give and bequeath unto Trinity college, whereof I am a fellow, the sum of one hundred pounds, to be bestowed in divinity books for the library of the said college, according to the discretion of the master and seniors of that college, as they shall appoint. Item,...unto St John's college, whereof I was fellow, the like sum of one hundred pounds to be bestowed in like manner upon divinity books for the library of the college." To his executor John Symonds, parson of Gislingham, he bequeaths his folio books, and all his paper books and papers. "My folio books...cost me above one hundred pounds, and I think, one with another they are worth so much." His smaller books he bequeaths to John Courtman, B.A., fell. Trin., "and my desire is that Sir Courtman do not sell any of the books, which I have given and bequeathed to him, but keep them for his use."

There is a note: "Dec. 15. 1652. I desire and it is my will, that my executor should pay towards the finishing of this university's library the summe of twenty pounds.

ROBERT METCALFE.

...This was not in the will, but I found it under Dr Metcalf's own hand, so was willing in all things to perform what I conceived to be his intention.

JOHN SYMONDS."

² Dr Andrew Bing, of Peterhouse, ordained deacon and priest 15 Aug. 1597 by Richard Vaughan, bishop of Chester; licensed to preach by the university 17 Dec. 1602 (MS. Baker iv. 165 = A 192). King's letter for him to be master of C. C. C. 26 Mar. 1618 (*ibid.* vi. 32 b. = B. 29). See also *ibid.* xviii. 39.

shall resigne it vp with such a desyre & intention. The rather because J am a litle too much vpon the Stage in this buisynes, whither J wold not haue bin drawne, if J had ever thought that my good Friend, the M^r. of Trinitie Colledge¹ wold haue made so dainty of so ordinary a Suyte. J pray yow commend me & my Suyte to M^r. Vice-Chauncellor², & let him know, that if M^r. Creighton³, or any other shall procure his Māties lres (which is an easy thing surrepticiously to be effected) J will take vpon me to satisfie his Mātie, if M^r. Medcalfe be elected: & will take order (if it be not too late) to prevent it. See J commend me againe most heartyly vnto yow, and all yo^r Society, & rest

Yo^r assured louing Freind

Jo: lincoln, C.S.

Westm^r. Colledge,
11 Mart. 1621.

To the right worspⁿ:
My very louing Freind
Mr. Doctor Collyns
Prouost of K^s: Colledge
in Cambridge, & his Ma^{tie}:
Reader of Diuinity
there del^r. these.

Endorsed: L. Keepers Lre for
M^r. Medcalfe.

¹ John Richardson. See Fuller's *Worthies* (8^{vo}) i. 238; Hacket, i. 24—26, 32, 33; Wood, *F. O.* i. 336, ed. Bliss; "publicly reproached in St Maries Pulpit in his own University by the name of a Fat-bellied Arminian."—Heylin's *Laud*, 122. Joseph Mead in a letter to Stuteville 23 Apr. 1625 (in Birch's *Court of Charles I.* i. 13), gives an account of his last sickness, and of his will, which is transcribed in MS. Baker xxvi. 153—155. Casaubon was his guest in July and September 1611 (*Ephemerides*, 855, 877) and borrowed books of him (*Epistolæ*, ed. Almel. 430 a ad fin.).

² The Vicechancellor in 1622 was Dr Jerome Beale.

³ Rob. Creighton, afterwards bishop of Bath and Wells, professor of

LETTER XXX.

SAME TO KING'S COLLEGE.

Orig.; signature only autograph.

After My very hartie Comēdaciōns vnto yo^r. Having vnderstood the desyres of RICHARD HERNE¹ *Batchelor of Arts & Fellowe* of yo^r. *Colledge*, to travayle beyond the Seas, for the better enabling himselfe in his Studyes; & likewise of his carefull Father, who hopeth by this meanes, aswell to moderate the overfree disposition he observeth in his sonne, as to make him more serviceable to his *Countrie*, & better worthy of the *Societie*, where he is nowe a Member. J would entreate yo^r (soe farr as it maye stand wth yo^r Statutes) to geiue him leaue, for that purpose, to discōtinue from yo^r *Colledge* for the space of two yeeres; &, during his *Travayles*, to lett him enjoye the Benefitt of his *Place*, as is vsually afforded vnto Menn absent in that kynde. Wherein not doubting of yo^r. favo^r. to be extended to him, & the rather for my sake, J comitt yo^r to the Protecōn, and blessing of God, & remayne

Yo^r very Loving friende

Jo: lincoln. C.S.

Westm^r. Coll:
1^o. Octobr. 1622.

To my very loving
Friends the *Provost*, & Senior
Fellowes of Kings Colledge
in
Cambridge.

Greek, as was his son after him (Duport's *Mus. Subsec.* 340; hence correct Hardy's *Le Neve*, iii. 660). He was a friend of Hacket's (Plume's *Life of Hacket*, li). His MS. lectures on Aristophanes (well deserving publication) were communicated by Sancroft to Paul Colomies (Colomesii *Opera*, 628. Cf. *ibid.* 602). He was sequestered from Uplowman (Calamy, *Contin.* 352). That he had powerful court interest appears from the papers relating to the mastership of Cath. Hall, printed in the *Autobiography of Matth. Robinson* (Cambr. 1855), 135—146. See also G. J. Vossii *Epistolæ*, 140 a ad fin., 145 a, 152 a; *Clarorum virorum ad Vossium epistolæ*, 69 b, 70 a, 74 a.

¹ King's 1614.

LETTER XXXI.

SAME TO DR COLLINS.

Orig., signature only autograph.

After my harty Comendacons. I send you hereinclosed the Copie of certayne *Articles* (exited vnto me by Mr. *Richard Day*) abbreviated out of former *Articles*, to like purpose presented vnto me; wherevnto J formerly receiued yo^r. Answear (as J required); the length whereof occasioned by the tediousnes (as J guesse) of the first *Articles* could not as yet receave my fitt pervsall; In respect whereof I haue thought meete by these my lres to pray and require you (vpon consideracon of these abbreviacōns of the former *Articles*) to resolute and conclude vpon some such course as may be just and reasonable, wthout occasioning any further trouble to me or yo^rselues herein. *Wherein* not doubtinge of yo^r. respect as appertayneth J bidd you hartily farewell: From Westminster Colledge 21^o. 8^{bris}. 1622.

Yo^r loueing freind

Jo: lincoln. C.S.

Samuell Collins Dr. in Diuinity &
Prouost of Kinges Colledge in Cambridge.

To my loueing freind
Dr. Collins Prouost
of Kinges Colledge in
Cambridge.

Endorsed: 'L. Keepers Lre about Mr. Day.'

LETTER XXXII.

DRAFT OF LETTER FROM KING'S COLLEGE TO WILLIAMS.

Rt honorable & right reverend Father in God, o^r very good Lord, humble duty & service premised; May it please yo^r Ldp, yo^r. Ld^{sh} Lres in y^e behalf of S^r. Herne, dated Octob: 1 being

not deliuered to mee y^e Provost till y^e 27 of y^e said month, immediately vpon y^e reading & communicating of them to y^e Senio^r fellowes to whome they beare date, J found them wth all reverence and readyness to enterteyne yo^r Ldps sayd comd^t., as becometh vs, & as I forr my part hold my self most bounden. Only wheras yo^r Ldp. very graciously cautioneth, if it may bee according to y^e tenure of o^r Statutes & not otherwise; it was said by¹ the most pt of y^e Senio^r then assembled, and by y^e deposicōⁿ of S^r. Hernes freind and sometimes Tuto^r, M^r. Peirson^s, (a Sen^r. likewise of y^e Coll:) vnder his hand⁴, that S^r Herne is vncapable of this fauo^r by having lost his place now somewhile since, through voluntary absence frō y^e Cōll. longer then Stat. prmitteth.

W^{ch} answer of o^r company humbly submitting to yo^r. L^{dps} good & fauorable considerōn and ready to yeild what further satisfaccōn yo^r L^{dp}. shall please in least sort to signify to be expected [of us] in this [or any other] kinde, wee take o^r humble leaue for this time, not wthout o^r harty prayers to allmighty God for p^olonging yo^r L^{dps} life to y^e good of many wth all encrease of hono^r & prosperity.

Kings Cōll: Camb: Octob: 28. 1622.

Yo^r. L^{dps} most humbly to
be comāunded.

To the rigt wor^{ll} & my
most respected frend
M^r Doctor Collins
thes.

¹ said by] Correction in 2^d hand; 1st hand wrote first 'the opinion of', and then 'thought by.'

² deposicōn] 3rd hand 'allegacion.'

³ Vice-provost, afterwards rector of Kingston. He has verses in *Epiced. Cantabr.* (1612) 109, and in *Genethliacum Cantabr.* (1631) 31, 32. Walker's *Sufferings*, ii. 326 b.

⁴ vnder his hand] 'left v. h. h. in writing,' 2^d hand.

lorsed : ' Copy of y^e Lrē frō y^e Coll.
to my L. Keeper. touching
S^r. Herne.

Orig. holograph.

Oct. y^e. 28th : [1622].

J Cuthbért Pearson testifie y^t S^r Herne is vncapable of y^t
our which y^e R. Honorable y^e Lord Keeper doth require, for
his dayes¹ were lapsed one fortnight since through his owne
efault.

By me

Cuth : Pearson.

LETTER XXXIII.

WILLIAMS TO BUCKINGHAM.

Ellis' Orig. Letters, Third ser. iv. p. 191—195; *Cabala*, i. 101;
from MS. Harl. 7000, art. 92, *Orig*.

Maye it please your Grace,

This heavye and unexpected accident of my Lord Stewards^a
death makes me to be troublesom unto your Grace at this time.
In safetie and discretion, I might very easilye spare this labor,
but my obligation to your Grace is such, as that, if I conceale
any thinge w^{ch} but my selfe apprehendes fitt to be represented to
your Grace, whilst I affect the title of a reserved, close, and wise,
I maye loose that other of an honest man, w^{ch} I more esteeme.
Thus much by way of preface.

I represent this office of a Lord Steward, as a place to be
either accepted of by your selfe, or els to be discontinued (as for
many yeares towards the latter end of Q. Elizabethes, and the
beginninge of our Master's raigne it was), and in any case, not to
be plac'te upon any other, wthout the deliberation of somme fewe

¹ A fellowship was lost by absence of more than 60 days (Statutes 24
and 38).

^a The duke of Richmond died 12 Febr 1624.

yeares, at the least. Beinge an office that none but the Kinges kinsmen, or favourites, or counterfavourites (raised up of purpose to balance the great one) have auncientlye possessed. I could desire your Grace hadd it in your owne person: for these reasons.

1. It is an office of fayre, and very competent gettings, but that is scarce considerable.

2. It keepes you in all changes and alterations of yeares nere the Kinge, and gives unto you all the opportunityes and accessses, wthout the envye of a favouritt. I beseech your Grace pawse well upon this; and call to mynde, if the Duke of Richmond was not in this case.

3. It gives you opportunitye to gratifie all the Court, great and small, *virtute officij*, in right of your place, w^{ch} is a thinge better accepted of and interpreted, then a courtesye from a favouritt. Because in this you are a dispenser of your owne, but in the other (saye many envious men) of the Kinges goodnes, w^{ch} wold flowe fast enough of it selfe, but that it is restrayned to this pipe and chanel onelye.

4. There must be one daye an end of this attendaunce as a Bedchamber man, but I hope never of beinge next unto the Kinge as a great Counsaillour and Officer, and above all others, which you cannot be but by this office. The Maister of the Horse is but a Knights place at the most, and the Admiralls (in time of action) either to be imployed abroad personallie, or to live at home in that ignominye and shame, as your Grace will never endure to doe. I will trouble your Grace with a tale of Dante, the first Italian poet of note, who beinge a great and wealthy man in Florence, and demaunded his opinion who should be sent Embassador to the Pope, made this answer, that he knew not who. *Si jo vo chi sta, si jo sto chi va*. "If I goe, I knowe not who shall staye at home; if I staye, I knowe not who can perform this imployment." Yeat your Grace stayeing at home, in favoure and greatnes with his M^{tye}, maye by your designe and

direction soe dispose of the Admirall, as to enjoye the glorie without running the hazard of his personall imployment. My gracious Lord, if any man shall putt you in hope that the Admiralty will fill your coffers and make you riche, call upon them to name one Admirall that ever was soe. As in times of hostilitie there is some gettinge, soe are there hungrie and unsatiable people presentlye to devoure up the same. God made man to live upon the land, and necessity onely drives him to sea. Yeat is not my advise absolutelye for your relinquishinge of this, but in any case for the retayninge of the other place, thoughte with the losse of the Admiraltye.

5. I beseech your Grace observe the E. of Leicester, who, (beinge the onely favouritt in Q. Elizab. hir time that was of any continuance) made choise of this place onelye, and refused the Admiraltye two severall times, as beinge an occasion, either to withdrawe him from the Court or to leave him there laden with ignominye. And yeat beinge L. Steward, wise, and in favoure, he wholye commanded the Admiraltye, and made it ministeriall and subordinate to his directions.

6. Remember that this office is fitt for a yonge, a middle, and an old man to enjoye, and soe is not any other that I knowe about his M^{tye}. Nowe God Almightye havinge given you favoure at the first, and sithence a greate quantitye (I never flattered your Grace nor doe nowe) of witt and wise experience, I wold humbly recommend unto your Grace this opportunitye, to be neerest unto the Kinge, in your yong, your middle, and your decreasinge age, that is, to be upon earthe as your pietye will one daye make you in heaven, an everlastinge favouritt.

There are many objections which your Grace maye make, but if I finde any inclination in your Grace to laye hold upon this proposition I dare undertake to awnswer them all. Your Grace may leave any office you please (if your Grace be more in love with the Admiraltye then I thinke you have cause) to avoide envye.

But my finall conclusion is this, to desire your Grace most humbly to putt noe other lord into this office, without just and mature deliberation, and to pardon this boldnes and hast, which makes me to write soe weakelye in a theme that I perswade my selfe I could mayntayne very valiantlye. I have noe other cōpye of this letter, and I pray God, your Grace be able to reade this.

I send your Grace a letter delivered unto me from C. Gondomar, and dated either at Madrid, or (as I observe it was written first) at London. There is noe greate matter at whither of the places it was invented.

I humbly beseech your Grace to send me by this bearer the resolution for the Parliament. And doe rest

Your Grace his most obliged humble servaunt,

Jo. Lincoln, C. S.

2 Martij. 1624. [= 162 $\frac{3}{4}$]

LETTER XXXIV.

WILLIAMS TO DR COLLINS.

Althoughe the longe acquainetaunce J haue hadd wth this little man, the bearer hereof, and my knoweledge of his manye good partes and Civill Behauiour might haue moved me to haue recommended his suyte to any othe^r Church o^r College: yeat J haue beene soe much beholdinge vnto you, fo^r soe many kindenesses and favoures (wherein fo^r the most parte you haue still prevented my suyte by letters) that J wold not haue written vnto you agayne, but that therein J might take the occasion, to call vpon you, to lette me vnderstand from you (w^{thout} complements) wherein J maye expresse towardses you, that respect you haue deserved at my handes. J pray you therefo^r to doo the Bearer, what favoure you maye convenientlye, in his suyte,

whom I haue knowne very honest and Civill sithence he was but
a little Childe, but in any case to make somme vse & triall of

You^r very assured louinge
Freinde

Jo : lincoln. C. S.

Non=such this

27th. of August.

1624.

To my assured louinge
freynde Mr. Provost
of Kinges College
in Cambrige.

Endorsed : 'B^p. of Lincolnes Lrē.'

LETTER XXXV.

WILLIAMS TO SIR JAMES WHITLOCK.

From Sir James Whitelocke's *Liber Famelicus*
(Camd. Soc. 1858), 96.

To my assured loving frend sir James Whitlock, cheef Justice of
Chester, and of his majesties counsell in the marches of Wales.

Mr. justice, after my very hartye commendations, upon sum
new complaints made unto my noble lord and youres of unkinde-
nesses between your cheif and yow, I have presumed so mutche
upon my power withe yow, and that desire I have of your neer-
nesse unto me, as to assure my lord duke, that to give his grace
contentment, and to prevent all future jealousies, yow wolde leave
your place to your predecessor and serve his majesty as on of
the justices of his Benche. And heerupon the king (in whose
highe favour and good opinion yow do remayne) hath called yow
by a writ for this service, for the whiche I do desire yow to pre-
pare yourself withe your best conveniencye, desiring, withe all my
hart, this remove may prove as mutche to youres as it dothe
extreamlye to my contentment, and assuring yow that if ever it

shall lye in my power to ad to your place or fortunes yow shall
ever really finde me

Your most loving and assured true frend,

Jo. Lincoln, C. S.

Westminster college, this 3rd of
October, 1624.

LETTER XXXVI.

WILLIAMS TO BUCKINGHAM.

Ellis' Original Letters, Sec. ser. iii. 255; *Cabala*, i. 107; from
MS. Harl. 7000. Art. 103.

Most Gracious Lord, beinge com hither, accordinge unto the
duty of my place, to doe my best service for the præparation to
the Coronation¹, and to wayte upon his Majestye for his royall
pleasure and direction therein, I doe most humblye beseech your
Grace to crowne soe many of your Graces former favoures, and to
revive a creature of your owne, strucke dead onely with your
displeasure² (but noe other discontentment in the universall worlde)
by bringing of me to kisse his Majestyes hand, with whom I
tooke leave in noe disfavour at all. I was never hitherto brought
into the præsence of a Kinge by any Saint beside your selfe;
turne me not over (most noble Lord) to offer my prayers at
newe Aulters. If I were guiltye of any unworthye unfaithfulnes
for the time past, or not guiltye of a resolution to doe your Grace

¹ See *Cabala*, i. 108. "The coronation holds on Candlemas day. . . The late lord keeper, as dean of Westminster, being to perform certain ceremonies at that solemnity, is commanded to substitute the bishop of St. David's for his deputy."—Chamberlain to Carleton, Jan. 19. 1624. "The occasion of this [his sequestration from his office at the coronation] and the loss of his lord keeper's place was (besides some things that passed at the last sitting of parliament) a plain piece of counsel his lordship gave my lord duke at Salisbury; namely, that being as then general both by sea and land, he should either go in person, or stay the fleet at home, or else give over his office of admiralty to some other." Letter to Mead, Jan. 26. 1624 (both in *Birch's Court of Charles I.* i. 72, 73).

² See *Cabala*, i. 86 seq. Above, p. 35.

all service for the time to com, all considerations under Heaven could not force me to begge it so earnestlye, or to professe my selfe as I doe before God and you

Your Grace his most humble
affectionate and devoted
servaunt
Jo: Lincoln.

Westm^r. this 7th
of Januar. 1625.

To my most gracious Lord the
Duke of Buckingham, these.

LETTER XXXVII.

SAME TO DR COLLINS.

M^r. Provost. Wth my true loue and heartiest comēdaciōns remembred. All men take that notice of the favoure & respect you are pleas'd to shewe me, your vnprofitable freynd, that J am importuned sometimes to be more troublesom vnto you, wth my letters, then of myne owne Inclination, J wold be. But J ever write, wth this reservation, that if J touch vpon any thinge, præiudiciall to the College or your selfe, J pray you suppose that part, written in water¹.

Nowe J confesse, J write the more willingelye, because J hope, J shall but intreat you, to performe that, w^{ch} you wold doe w^{thout} any intreatye. W^{ch} is, to vse one of your most honorable Tenants, the lord Straunge, in his renovation of the Lease of the Rectorye of Prescot, in Lancashire, as you doe all others, that haue any commerce w^h you in this kinde, fairelye, and accordinge to your owne wont.

Jf fo^r my sake (who am much beholdinge to that noble lord and to all his Familye) the gentlemen, employed in that service from his Lpp shall finde any further Expedition, J must score

¹ See *Erasmii Adagia* 'in aqua scribere.' A proverb used by Plato, Lucian, Catullus, etc.

it vp amongst those many respects, J haue ever found from you,
and assure you, J shall ever remayne

Your verye affectionat
lovinge freynd
Jo: lincoln.

Buckden. this .4th.

of Aprill. 1627.

To the right wor-
shipfull, my very
lovinge freynd
M^r. D^r. Collyns,
his m^{tye}. Professo^r
in divinytye in
Cambrige, and
Provost of Kings
College there.

These.

LETTER XXXVIII.

SAME TO SAME AND TO MR CLIFFORD.

Orig. holograph.

Good M^r. Provost, and M^r. Clifford. My heartiest Cōmen-
dacōns remembred. This gentleman M^r. Jenour¹, and his sonne,
haue Brought me an Appeale, frō you^r last Election at Æton,
wherein he cōplaynes of a prætended Grievance, in that his sonne
was not received vnto M^r. Clifford's² place, then, as is alleged, by
Resignation o^r otherwise voyde. The Appeale fo^r the Legalitie
thereof, is so formallye pursued, as I cold not but receiue it, if it
shall appeare to be of a nature, proper for my Cognisaunce, w^{ch}
J must be informed by you and your Statutes. Jn the meane

¹ Jenour's appeal was not sustained. His name does not occur in the
Registrum Regale. An earlier Richard J. King's 1608.

² Phil. C. vice-provost, 1625, vicar of Fordingbridge, 1626. King's 1606.

time, J have prevailed w^h this gentleman, that, if you please to giue him a meetinge here, on the .12. o^r. 13th. of September next ensuinge, he is content, that these differences maye be heard, *De plano* and summarilye, before me, if it doth appertayne to my Cognisaunce. And soe ended w^hout cost or trouble. Jf you be of the same mynde, J pray you intimate y^r assent vnto him by word of Mouth. O^r els acquainte him with you^r inclination to the Contrarye, that he maye be left to his ordinarye Remedye in Lawe. And soe w^h my truest loue remembred to you M^r Provost, and my heartiest Comēdacōns to you both, I rest

Your assured lovinge

poore freynd,

Jo : lincoln.

Buckden. 1. Augusti.

1627.

To y^e right wor^{ll}. M^r.

D^r. Collins Prouost

& M^r. Clifford one

of y^e Fellowes of

Kings College in

Cambridge.

LETTER XXXIX.

SAME TO DR COLLINS.

Orig. holograph.

Mr Provost. J have heard never a word frō M^r. Jenour sithence his last beinge (w^h you) at Buckden. Nor any man els about me. Soe as J cannot Jmagin what those alterations shold be, w^{ch} he hath made in the Case. And therefor can say nothinge therevnto, as it is altered. But as it was supposed by me, J thinke you may safely subscribe therevnto, and be bold, to referr it to the Dⁿ. in Cambrige. Jf you be assured theyr Resolution, may end the Cōtroversie. Els Jt will prove but the treadinge of

a Maze, or a disputation Jn Circulo. And when you thinke all shall be at an end, the suit is but beginninge.

For my Opinion, of your Admittinge or not Admittinge, and all passages beside w^{ch} may cōcerne you^r self, J haue expressed my self fully & clearelye in my last letter. Whervnto J craue leaue, to referre you. And soe to remayne nowe and ever

Your very affectionat lovinge
freynd

Jo: lincoln.

Buckden. 15. Jan.

1627.

To y^e right wor^{ll}: my
very loving freind
M^r. D^r. Collins
Prouost of Kings
College in
Cambridge.

LETTER XL.

SAME TO SAME.

Orig., only signature autograph.

M^r. Prouost. My verie heartiest Comēdacōns remembred.

You may see by this enclosed What trouble J shall bee enforced to putt yo^r. College and my selfe vnto, vnles yo^w. shall bee pleased to prevent the same, by admitting one of the two Scholers, that hath the most probable right vnto M^r. Cliffords place, w^{ch} J conceiue to be Jenno^r. for as much as J can yet heare or see. Besides that J heare from Eaton, that hee is the better scholer of the two, w^{ch}., when the case is doubtfull, or equally ballanced, may proove considerable. Yf therefore yo^w. would bee pleas'd to end this difference of yo^r. selfe, yo^w. shall doe mee a great kindnes. Otherwise J pray yo^w to send mee word to Buckden, What day yo^w thincke fittest, that J may come in a morning

care this Cause, and turne backe in the afternoone the same
 And when yo^r shall resolute vpon the daie, J shall desire
 to give competent warning to both parties to bee provided
 their Counsell, yet J hope and desire yo^r. will ease mee of
 journey, And so shall J euer rest, as I doe,

Yo^r. verie affectionate lovinge
 freind

Jo : lincoln.

Westm^r. 27^o

Junij. 1628^o.

LETTER XLI.

SAME TO SAME.

M^r. Provost. Vnderstādinge from this bearer, as alsoe frō
 the youth himself, you^r great and extraordinary kindenes to a
 poore nephewe of myne¹, that (J beleue by a former favoure of
 youres) was scholler of Eton, J could doe noe lesse, then returne
 you my heartiest thanks for the same. Wth assuraūce I shalbe
 euer most readye to acknowlege it, in any favoure J can shewe
 to eithe^r you^r selfe, o^r any freynd or kinsman of youres, w^{ch} you
 shall recommed vnto me; for any favoure, that shall lie, in any
 power of myne. Desiringe you to beleeeve, that, whatsoever J
 have sent o^r written vnto you (o^r maye doe occasionallie hereafter)
 by the impo^rtunitie of others and the waye of Justice (w^{ch}, you
 knowe, J maye not neglect w^hout hazardinge my fame for the
 p^rsent, & soule for the time to come) Jt neither hath, no^r ever
 shall breake any bond of freyndshippe, w^{ch} you^r great partes &
 cōtinuall good affections towardes me, hath soe strongely knitt
 & fastned. And of the reason you have to be assured of this,
 J appeale to the Event of any Acte of myne donne in you^r Col-
 lege.

¹ John Williams, King's 1633, 'actively engaged in the service of Charles I.' (*Reg. Regale*.)

J praye you the'fo', to cōtinne you' kindenes soe farre to the poore youth, you' creature, as to tell my Steward here, what is fu'the' to be donne for him & his accomodation. And to speake vnto the yonge gentleman (whom, J thanke you, you haue named to be his Tuto') to make a stepp ove' hither w'hin these .9. or .10. dayes, because J am not certayne, when J shall retorne frō Lincoln.

Once more J thanke you verye heartilye, & am ever
Your affectionat loving
freynd

Jo : lincoln.

Buckden. 20^{mo}. Aug. 1632.

TO the right wor: my
very wo'thye freynd
M^r. D^r. Collyns Provost
of Kinge College in
Cambrige & his
M^{tes} Professor of Divini-
tye there. These.

Endorsed: 'B^p. Lincolnes Lrē about
Willms y^e scholler.'

LETTER XLII.

SAME TO SAME.

M^r. Provost. W'h my heartiest Comendacōns vnto you. J doe nowe, by examininge a little, my kinsman, who (by your favoure) hath spent somme .9. yeares in Eton College, clearelye vnderstand, howe much J am beholdinge vnto you, for the Time and favoures passed, and must be to M^r. Vintner¹, for the time to

¹ Hen. V. King's 1623, rect. Stamford Courtney, and afterwards of Weston Turville (Harwood's *Alumni Eton*. 223), where he died 1678 (Lipscomb's *Bucks*, ii. 498).

come. For w^hout his mayne helpe, J much feare, you^r favoures wilbe lost, and my expectation, frustrated. And yeat J will not expect impossibilities at his handes, but shewe my selfe thankefull, for his endevoures, and cleare dealinge wth me, frō time to time, what maybe hoped for in this course, frō the younge man. Howeuer that shall happen, J doe acknowelege my self much bound to you, & shall never faile to expresse my selfe, vpon all Occasions,

Your affectionat lovinge
freynd

Jo: lincoln.

Buckden. 19th. of Julye.
1633.

TO the right wor: my
worthy friend M^r. D^r.
Collins. Provost of
Kinges Coll. in Cam-
brige. these.

Endorsed: 'B^p. Lincolnes
L^re July .1633.'

LETTER XLIII.

WILLIAMS TO THE EARL OF ARUNDEL.
Fairfax Correspondence, i. 339, 340.

To the Most Honourable And My Most Noble Lord, Thomas,
Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Present These.

My Most Honourable and Most Noble Lord,

Not the hope of being able for the small remainder of my life to perform any proportionable service or gratitude unto your good lordship for your former justice and favours towards me, by which I enjoy that little remainder I have of any civil or political being, but that innate propension which nature hath planted in

every man's heart, to repair thither for help, where he has formerly found relief, makes me (otherwise of myself not forward in this kind of boldness) to rush thus unseasonably upon your lordship's more serious affairs, upon these occasions of storms and adversities.

The Tower¹ of London, my noble Lord, is for his Majesty's greater affairs, from a fair palace and quiet abroad², turned of late to a fort or citadel, and become so full of soldiers and that kind of dirge or noise, which is most adverse and contrary to retired thoughts and the disposition of a student; so that as I have been sequestered for above these three years past from the company of the living, so am I now bereaved from any conversation with the dead, and kept close prisoner from men and books in effect, until such time in the evening as these people are withdrawn into their private huts and cabins.

May it please your good lordship therefore, out of your own nobleness and pity, to procure me to be removed from this prison to any other place of abode where I may enjoy a little fresh and dry air, upon what terms, limitations, and conditions the King's Majesty or the lords shall hold convenient, the rather, my good lord, because there is received (or now due) out of my sequestered estate half as much more as my fine³ comes unto.

For his Majesty's last offence conceived against me, about a proposition made unto and recalled from Mr Hampden⁴ in twenty-four hours; I have to his Majesty taken the fault wholly upon myself, because others will participate of no burdens of this kind. It was in Hilary Term that the motion was made unto me, as from his Majesty, to petition for the putting off of that hearing,

¹ "My Pen must not [*dele* this word *not*] now go with the Bishop, my good Master, to his Lodgings in the *Tower*, whither in my Person I resorted to him weekly; . . . excepting when he was confined to close imprisonment." Hacket, ii. 126, 127.

² *abroad* in *Fairfax Corr.*

³ £8,000 (Fuller's *Church History*, ed. Brewer, vi. 158).

⁴ Cousin to Williams (Hacket, ii. 212).

with full assurance I should be presently restored to my poor fortunes; and when I had so petitioned, I was notwithstanding kept from all means and liberty, my Parliament writ stopt, and never had any particular (though I earnestly called for it) brought unto me in his Majesty's name, but at the very night before the last Parliament was broken up,—and then, God he knoweth in what matter and manner that proposition, or rather question, was put upon me. Now my business with my kinsman, Mr. Hampden, was begun and ended ten or twelve days before that time, which his Majesty peradventure is not informed of; and further, I do not go about to excuse this accident otherwise than in humbly craving pardon of his Majesty if I have offended. Lastly, whereas your lordship, as Mr. Lieutenant tells me, hath heard complaints of some brables between a servant of mine and some of the warders of the Tower, be pleased to understand that that warder who complained unto me was quite drunk, as it seems my man was also, who hath been sufficiently punished already both by Mr. Lieutenant and the warders, and more severely by myself. But it is not worth the troubling your good lordship with what passed between that one warder and me, seeing that I am assured, and have good witness thereof, he was in such a case at that time as I could not possibly understand him, and therefore might easily misunderstand me, and in consequence thereof misreport me.

My Lord, whether I shall receive this favour or any other from your lordship, I am for those great ones already past, and the esteem I have ever borne of your most noble person, lady, and family,

Your lordship's most obliged servant

and beadsman

Jo. Lincoln.

Tower, this 2nd of October, 1640.

LETTER XLIV.

WILLIAMS TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Parliamentary Hist. of England, xi. 280. Lond. 1753.

My Most Noble Lords,

My Duty, in all Humility and Lowliness, remembered unto your Lordships, I have received your Noble Lordships Orders of the twenty-second of *June*, but this Day, *July* the third, being the Lord's Day; and it is impossible I should, literally, comply with the Matter required in the same. I came from *Huntingdonshire* to *York*, from which I was not debarred by any *Order* from the Honourable House, by his Majesty's Command; and, by the same Command, I am strictly required not to depart this County of *York* without his Majesty's special Leave, upon Pain of seizing of my Temporalities. Your Lordships Messenger can inform you he found me not at *York*, but here, at my own Country House, preaching to my People¹. I will wait upon his Majesty and humbly desire his Favour, that I may obey your Honourable *Order* in Act, as I already do in *Præparatione Animi*. In the mean Season, I do most earnestly intreat your Lordships Favour and Mercy towards me, if I trespass a little in the prescribed Time; and your Lordships shall never hear, from any true Relation, that, by any Miscarriage of mine, I shall otherwise comport myself than as becometh

Your Lordship's most humble
and obedient Servant,
Orator, and Petitioner,
Jo. Eborac.

Cawood, July 3,
1642.

¹ Assiduous in the consultations of war with the gentry (Hacket, ii. 185—187).

LETTER XLV.

WILLIAMS TO THOMAS BULKLEY.

From the Bulkeley MSS. at Baron Hill. Printed in
Archæolog. Cambrensis. 1st Ser. i. 329.

To the R. worshipfull
 my noble Cozen, M^r
 Thomas Bulkley Esq.
 at Barnhill
 these.

My verye lovinge Cozen

You have receiv'd a letter from me, by the Solicitor, w^{ch} followeth your buysines, about a cōplaint made by M^r Sherif above ag^t you etc. I have sithence by my Cozen you^r Sonne hūbly advised you, to present the lord Capel (in much want in that kinde) with a ferkyn of powder & a Barrel of Bullets¹, and to doe it soe, that these things may be here delivered, to be sent away some times to morrowe. And you shall trust me, soe to improve the present, that you shall never repent you thereof. I doe the like my selfe. And will never advise you to anythinge, but what I cōceive, wil be for your Advātage, rather then losse, as beinge Noble Cozen,

Your verye lovinge
 freynd & Servaunt
 Jo. Eborac.

Conway. 16th of
 Maye 1643.

¹ On Williams' exertions on the king's behalf at Conway, see Hacket, ii. 207—211.

LETTER XLVI.

SAME TO SAME.

Ibid. p. 330.

To the right wor.
his noble Cozen M^r
Thomas Bulkley Esq^r.
at Barn-hill near
Bewmarish these.

My verye noble Cozen

I received this Morninge a letter frō M^r Bridgeman that he stāds in great need and necessitye of moneys, and doth expect that other 250*l*. by the end of the next or beginninge of the weeke ensuinge at the furthest. Befo^r wth time neverthesse, he doth resolve to send your buysines dispatched.

The newes are not great. That Brerton & Middleton are still at Namptwich. And have not moved. That the Welsh forces are gon to Wrexham from Chester to meet the Shropshyre there. That Capel is commanded by the Kinge, vpon his Allegiance, to feight them, if they offer to move Southward, towards Glocester, where all the Rebels are drawinge to saue that Towne.

That Essex mouinge that way, is wayted on by Wilmot wth 3000 horse, who routed his excellēcy & beat him out of his Quarters.

That Tattershall your kinsman's the E. of Lincoln's Castle, is taken by the Marq. of Newcastle & the plūder of all that Cou^{trye} in it. That the saide Marq. hath taken Beverley by assault, followed Fayrfax to Hull Gates, wth an Armye of 20,000 men, vnder Kinge the Scotchman; the same towne, being beseiged by sea wth 50 Shippes.

You have received letters frō My lord Capel lately: & I desire you to appoint a speedye meetinge, & to acquaint me therewth that I may be there. For if somewhat be not donne in that Cou^{tye},

for the furtherance of his Mtyes Servis, I see great danger hanging over it. As esteemed an unkynde & suspected Countye. I leave you Noble Cozen in God's protection, and am

Your verye lovinge freynd and cozen

Jo. Eborac.

this 7th of Sept. 1643.

The seals to the two last letters are the same, viz. a signet or ring seal, bearing on a small shield a chevron between three Englishmen's heads two and one.

LETTER XLVII.

WILLIAMS TO THE EARL OF MANCHESTER.

Parliamentary Hist. of England, xv. 349. written a short time before April 20, 1647.

To the Right Honourable, my very Noble Lord, Edward Earl of Manchester, Speaker of the Most Honourable House of Peers:

Right Honourable,

Having understood of an Ordinance passed your most Honourable House, for the pardoning of such Delinquencies as some Mistakes about the King's overpowering Parties in this country had drawn me into¹, I humbly beseech your Lordship to present my most thankful Acknowledgement for their great Favour therein; as also of all other their gracious Respects which I have, without the least Merit of my own, extraordinarily enjoyed these Twenty-five years: and may the great God of Heaven, speedily and plentifully, return them all into their noble Bosoms.

¹ See on Williams' active support of the Parliament forces, *Parl. Hist.* xv. 2 seq. 171 seq. But see Fuller, *Church Hist.* ed. Brewer, vi. 323 seq.; Hackett, ii. 218 seq.

And because I am now to live, or rather to die, divested of all Power or Deference which might vindicate me from Contempt amongst a third Generation of Men from those I first conversed withall, and some *Pharaohs* peradventure which knew not *Joseph*; if their Lordships shall extend their Goodness so far, as to protect me in a just and fair Way, in relation to any Service I have heretofore endeavoured to perform to that most Honourable House, it would make me, as most careful not to profane so sacred a Favour, so to live and die their most obliged Servant and Vassal. Right Honourable Lord, I humbly take my Leave, and am

Your Lordship's
Most obliged Servant,
John late Archbishop of York.

NOTES AND CORRECTIONS.

Page 3, no. xiv. For *Hilton* read *Histon*.

" no. xviii. For 21 *Feb.* read 14 *Jan.*

" 5, line 3. *Plautus*. *Aul.* ii. 2. 69 seq.

" 5, " 22. *meanes*. i.e. *meanness*.

" 5, " 5 up. *my Tutour*. Owen Gwin [Hacket, i. 7]. *my Scholarships and Fellowships*. "Admissio discipulorum Novembris 5^o. 1599. Ego Joannes Williams Caernarvoniensis admissus sum in discipulū huius collegij pro doctore Gwin." "Admissio Sociorū Anno Dom. 1603. Aprilis 14: Ego Joannes Williams Bangoriensis admissus fui in perpetuū socium huius Collegij pro Domina fundatrice."

" 6, " 2. *differed*, i.e. *deferred*.

" 6, " 5. Virg. *Aen.* ii. 774.

" 6, " 6 up. *materiam laudis*. Lucan, viii. 76.

" 7, " 8 up. *a small benefice*. Hacket, i. 19: "immediately with the Office of his Ministry he took the charge of a Living, the scantling of it very mean, and it could be no better after

the Letter of the Local Statutes where he Lived, that he might keep his Fellowship with it. It lay beyond St. *Edmunds Bury* in the confines of *Norfolk*, (perhaps *Fakenham*, or very near to it) it was the fitting Milk of a poor Vicarage, the Parsonage Tithes being scumm'd from it. . . . It seems the people of the Parish were good people, or he thought them such ; for in his highest Honour I heard him Treating with Sir *Lionel Talemach* of *Fakenham*, that Sir *Lionel* would employ from him an 100*l.* to buy Land of five or six pounds *per annum* Value, for the Relief of the Poor of that Village to the worlds End." Williams does not appear from Blomefield to have held any benefice in Norfolk.

- Page 9, line 3. *Mr. Price*. Jo. Price (Denb.) scholar for Dr. Gwin, 7 Nov. 1600 'non juratus'; fellow for the same 15 Mar. 160*½*.
- " 9, " 4. *Mr. John Lloyd's son for one Sir Dolben's*. David Dolben (Denb.) Dr. Gwin's scholar 7 Nov. 1603. Jo. Lloyd (Denb.) and Rob. Gwin (Bangor.) Dr Gwin's scholars 6 Nov. 1608.
- " 9, " 8. *I doe hope our colledge shall meete agayne before Christ-masse; for as yeate there is more causeles feare then apparent daunger of any infection.* On the 10th of October 1608 a grace passed to discontinue sermons at St Mary's and exercises in the schools on account of the plague. MS. Baker xlii. 107.
- " 10, " 3 seq. *that sentence once observ'de by Seneca. . Beatius est dare, quam accipere.* Acts xx. 35. Not in Seneca.
- " 10, " 7. *my coz. Robin.* See above, note on p. 9. l. 4.
- " 10, " 16. *quiret. Ut si.* Read *quiret, et si.* The passage is not found verbally in any author, but similar passages from Plaut. *Most.* &c. may be seen in Riddle and White's Lat. lexicon, s.v. *Salus* ad fin.
- " 10, " 25. Virg. *Aen.* ix. 426, 427.
- " 11, " 5. *the elder Brother.* [March 30. 1620] "I hastened to the Schools, where was kept the latter act of the bachelors' commencement, . . Mr. Richard Salstonstall, a fellow-commoner of Jesus College, being senior brother."—*Autobiography of Sir S. D'Ewes*, i. 139, 140. See also, as to the appointment of bachelors or senior sophisters to moderate, *Autobiography of Matt. Robinson*, 23. See *Stat. Acad.* (Qu. Eliz.) c. 22: "Inter sophistas veterrimus se responsorem exhibebit."
- " 11, last line. *to feaste the Doctours.* On the 29th of April 1647 a grace was passed prohibiting these entertainments (*Stat. Acad.* p. 390).

Page 12, line 1. *the Father of the Acte . . if it should prove to be myself, as is most likely.* Hacket i. 23: "It was time for him...to look to his own Place in the ensuing Commencement, which was even approaching. The Inceptor-Masters by Prescription have the Right to choose out of the two Proctors whom they please, to be the Father of the Act, as we *Cantabrigians* call it. It is a strange *Enigma*, that the Sons should beget their Father. It lights commonly, as if it were *Postulatum Mathematicum*, upon the Senior. But because he that now was the Elder, if ever he had Polite Learning fit for such a Performance, had out-grown it, therefore because he was no Elder that could Rule well, the Inceptors gave the Younger the double Honour. This Commencement was as Gay and full of Pomp, by the great Concourse of Nobles and Gentlemen, as ever I saw....The *Welch* Gentry were enough to fill the Scaffolds....These Gallants must be Feasted by the Proctor, and there was no Want, I would there had been no Superfluity. These Costly and Luxurious Meals are the Lard of our Commencements, thrust in among the better Banquets of Scholastical Exercises. The Proctors Table was more Sumptuous (I understand my¹ Comparison) for the time, then useth to be at a Mayoralty in *London*. I do not reckon it among his clean and unblemish'd Praises. . . The Prevaricator made me smile, when he gave him this Character to his Face, *Titus Largius primus Dictator Romanorum*. To express myself a little further: These Messes of good Chear ought to be frankly set out at the times of such Genial and Gaudy Days. It were a wise World, if they could be kept within Moderation."

- " 12, Letter viii. Also in Pennant's *Tour in Wales*, ii. Append. No. xi. p. 472—4.
- " 12, line 12 up. *Plinio. Epist. vi. 26 § 2*: "amo quidem effuse, iudico tamen, et quidem tanto acrius, quanto magis amo."
- " 12, " 4 up. *charge. chargeable.* Pennant.
- " 12, " 3 up. *but. none but* Pennant.
- " 13, " 1. *a silver piece of Plate of what price you please above 5 markes. Fifth Education Report (1818) Appendix B. p. 404*: "An. 1576, Nov. 5. A Decree by John Still, Master, and the seniors, that all graduates hereafter to be admitted into Fellows Commons shall pay within a month of their admission 33 *sh. 4d.* to buy plate or books."

¹ Qy. *by*?

- Page 13, line 11. *Lord Chancelour*. Hacket i. 13: "he came to live in *York-house* a Chaplain to the Lord-Chancellor *Egerton*." *ibid.* 19: "he wanted not Friends in the Lord Chancelour *Egertons* Family to acquaint his Lordship with it [his fame], who instantly preferr'd him before all Competitors, and said no more, but, *Send for him, and let me have him*. This was at *Midsummer* anno 1611....But when he came to *London* to be Approved for that Service, after great and humble acknowledgment of his Thankfulness, he prayed the Lord Chancelour he might continue a year, or the greatest part of it at *Cambridg*, before he came to wait constantly in his Lordships Honourable Family, because at *Michaelmass* following he was to enter upon the Proctor-ship of his University." See on his life in the lord chancellor's family, *ibid.* 27 seq.
- " 13, " 14 seq. Compare Hacket i. 19: "He was call'd to do that Duty [to preach] before K. *James* and Prince *Henry* at *Royston*, whereupon the King spake much good of him, but the Prince taking great notice of him as an Honour to *Wales*, was not satisfied to give him encouragement of praise, but gave him his Princely Word, that He would Reward him after the weight of his Worth. But the Father bestowed that preferment on him, which the Prince, taken away by early Death for our Sins, intended. I heard of this Sermon Six Weeks after, and by a merry Token; for having occasion to come to that hunting Court at *Royston*, I received Hospitality at a Table full of good Company, where I was askt over and over, especially by the old *Brittains*, what Place and Dignity Mr *Williams* had in *Cambridge*; every one of them could tell me he made a most Excellent Sermon before the King, but for their parts they had been such attentive Hearers, that among them all I could not Learn the Text." Probably Hacket and Williams are speaking of the same sermon, which is not mentioned in Nichols' *Progresses*.
- " 13, " 18, *Court holie water*. "L'eau bénite de la cour," "promissa rei expertia, fumus aulicus." *King Lear* iii. 2: "O nuncle, court holy water in a dry house is better than this rain water out o' door." (Nares).
- " 13, " 4 up. *Executorshippe*. Add from Pennant. "Thus ceasing to trouble you further at this time, as not knowing how long this letter may be in coming, I recommend my service to your wor. and it to God's protection."
- " 14, " 15 up. *the Junieur Proctour*. Williams himself. *contrarye*

to the Statute: Statute 13 of the Elizabethan code forbids electors to vote at the bidding of any person whatsoever; and the fellowes oath (stat. 14) forbids the procuring or allowing any dispensation of any kind.

Page 14, line 4 up. *Th. Edwards.* T. E. Dunelmensis foundation scholar 6 Nov. 1612.

„ 15, „ 7 *as this yeare.* Dr Gooche.

„ 15, „ 7 up. *Dr Cowel.* John Cowell, LL.D. master of Trin. Hall, ob. 11 Oct. 1611, succeeded by Clem. Corbett.

„ 15, „ 6 up. *Dr Clayton.* Died May 2, 1612. Hacket i. 22: “His Breath no sooner expired, but the Fellows, who have all Right of Election, first began to Confer, and then to Canvas for a Successor. It was soon discovered that the swaying Men, and that were fit for the bandy of such a Business, meant to set up Mr. *Owen Gwin* one of the Senior Fellows. Others look’d out for one that was *Simpliciter optimus*, and they hit him. It was the Darling of Divines, Dr. *Morton*, then Dean of *Winton*, now Lord Bishop of *Durham*, the *Polycarpus* of our *Smyrna* the Church of *England*, whose Piety and Humility are Incomparable, his Learning most Admirable, and his long Age most Venerable.....

“But this Patriarch, as I may call him, was not like to carry the day by the Consent of the most. Too few stood up for him, too few by one especially, and that one was Proctor *Williams*. O how could one of his deep Reach, and passing great Love to his Society prefer an obscure one, scarce to be named before the Man that had all good Men’s Applause, Dr. *Morton*? If there be any thing to be said to make it look fair on his part on one side, it is this, Mr. *Gwin* had been his Tutor..... The relation of Pupilship prick’d on Mr. *Williams* to do any thing that was in his power for him, that had so much Interest in his Breeding. But while he was struggling and wooing his Friends to advance that Choice, he solicited Mr. *Senhouse*, a very rare Preacher, as Flowry as the Spring-Garden, afterward Bishop of *Carlile*, who bespake him fairly again. *Sir, if you desire my Voice to confer the Mastership upon yourself, I will not deny you. I know you, though a young Man, right worthy of it; but your Tutor shall never have my Suffrage, while I can say No.* After he had prevailed to set Mr. *Gwin* over that great Society, his Fortunes carried him away, but he heard so much, that he quickly dislik’d his own Work.”

Page 16, line 3. *Dr Carye*. Valentine Carey, afterwards bishop of Exeter. See Baker's *Hist. of St John's*, 261 seq. On his will see *Notes and Queries*, 3 Ser. vi. 173 seq. He suspected Jos. Mede of Puritanism (Mede's *Life*, p. lxx.).

„ 16, line 6. *Weeks*. Read *wake*?

„ *ibid.* *the death of L. Treasurer and Chauncelour*. Hacket, i. 21: "The Earl of *Salisbury*, that famous Lord-Treasurer, had Govern'd our University as Chancellor from the year 1600, with good liking to all...He left this World *May* 24. 1612. In the Election of a Successor the Regent-House, in whom the Choice was, were improvidently divided. The greater Number gave their Voices for *Henry* Earl of *Northampton*, Lord Privy-Seal, sometimes a Gremial of our Body...He was very Rich, and a Batchelor; a Founder already of a charitable and handsom Pile of Building at *Greenwich*. Therefore such as devised all good ways to attract the Benevolence of Liberal and Wealthy Men unto us, hoped he would be very beneficial to *Cambridge* his Mother."—His opponents calling him a *Church-Papist*, set up prince Charles, then in his 12th year, as a rival candidate.—"The Lord Privy-Seal had far more Votes in the Scrutiny for his Election, and so it was in all Post-haste signified unto him. But he took on with all Impatience to be so Abus'd, to be made Competitor with the King's Son, and to prevail in the Election."—The king was irritated.—"The Lord Privy-Seal, the Elect Chancellor, shrunk up his Shoulders, and made an Answer of fine Words, and well set together, 'That he was not worthy to have the Primacy or Pilotship over the *Argonauts* of such an *Argosie*': But in Rude *English* it was no better, then that *He scorn'd their Proffer*." Williams was sent to beg the king to name a Chancellor. The king ordered a new election, declaring that he "*would constrain him to hold it, whosoever it were that the congregation agreed upon*." Williams unfolded the riddle: "*none hath declared a flat Refusal of this vacant Place but the Earl of Northampton, therefore none else can be meant*." The earl was accordingly elected, and the king confessed that the university had hit upon the interpretation of his secret meaning.

„ 17, line 15. *in the comendacien of Traiane*. Plin. *paneg.* 16 § 1.

„ 17, „ 18. *Northamptonshire*, where Williams held the two livings of Walgrave and Grafton Underwood (Hacket, i. 29. He compounded for the first-fruits of Grafton 30 May, 1611,

and his successor 17 Nov. 1621. Bridges' *Northants.* ii. 234; he compounded for Walgrave 26 Oct. 1614, and his successor 5 May, 1642, *ibid.* 129).

Page 17, line 5 up. Cf. Auson. *tetrast.* 5. 4.

" 19, " 14 *the present Ld. Chancelr.* Bacon.

" 21, " 1. *Panton.* Read *Nanton.*

" 22. Letter XI. *Register of letters* in St John's treasury, p. 225.

" 22, — 5. Read *being made.*

" 22, " 6. Read *HONORATISSIME.*

" 22, " 9. Read *dabis.*

" 22, " 15. *segetem.* Read *messem.*

" 22, " 8 up. *legum et Justitiæ fato.* Read *f. l. et J.*

" 22, last line. *modeste.* Read *modestos.*

" 23. Letter XII. *Register,* p. 226.

" 23, " 17, remove the) to the end of the line, after *dignissimis.*

" 23, " 23. *siet Miraculum.* Read *M. s.*

" 24. Letter XIII. *Register,* p. 229.

" 24, — 7. *Downhalt.* Henry Donhault, foundation fellow (co. Northants) 12 Apr. 1614; lector Græcus in aula 10 Jul. 1629; lector principalis 9 Jul. 1630; godfather to Richard Cromwell, and archdeacon of Hunts (Hardy's *Le Neve*, ii. 53, Mr Cooper's note in Carlyle's *Cromwell*, ed. 3. iv. Append. 1). See also Baker's *Hist. of St John's*, 199 seq.

" 24, " 11. *per Triennium.* The statutes of Qu. Elizabeth here retained the old rule (c. 27): "Socii tamen qui sacerdotes sunt ad obsequium regis aut episcopi avocatis et accersitis *per sex menses* in eorum huiusmodi obsequio abesse potestatem et licentiam per magistrum et maiorem partem seniorum, sed semel duntaxat in vita uni et eidem concedi volumus."

" 24, " 13. *the.* Read *y'.* i.e. *your.*

" 24, " 15. Read *tyme of his absence.*

" 24, " 20. Dele *mighty.*

" 24, " 22. Read *Assuredly.*

" 24, " 24. Read *this 22 of Dec.*

" 24, " 4 up. Read *have graunted.*

" *ibid.* Read *this his service.*

" 24, " 3 up. *his commons.* Stat. Eliz. c. 29: "Singulis item sociorum qualibet septimana duodecim denarii [pro commeatu allocentur]."

" 24, " 2 up. *wages.* By stat. coll. Jo. (Eliz.) c. 33 four marks yearly. *Livery.* Thirteen and fourpence was paid to each fellow at Lady-day 'pro liberatura.' (*ibid.* c. 34). *Corn money.* By stat. of the realm 18 Eliz. c. 6 a third of all college

rents was to be paid in wheat or malt "to be expended to the use of the relief of the commons and diet of the said colleges."

Page 24, line ult. *his part of the weekly Divident. Fifth Education Rep. Append. B. (1818), p. 405: "An. 1601. Feb. 24. It was decreed by Rich. Clayton, Master, and the seniors, that from thenceforth the gain of the bakehouse and brewhouse, together with the fellows part of corn money (detriments being discharged) should be divided weekly, ... among those fellows only that do remain at home, and are continuing, when the weekly division is made, or have continu'd the greater part of the week, the Master always having a double share, whether at home or abroad."*

„ 25, „ 6. *Rob. Lane.* Of Norfolk, foundation scholar 7 Nov. 1593, foundation fellow 7 Apr. 1598; concionator in festo S^{ci} Marci 1609. In the college *Register of letters*, p. 253 is one from Henry earl of Southampton, requesting leave for Lane to attend him as chaplain. The college granted 3 years' absence with the allowance of his fellowship. MS. Baker, xii. 217 = 203: "Dr Lane of St Joh. Coll. was buried in y^e Chappell. Jun. 11. 1634. Re^{gr}. Omⁿ. Sanct. His will is dated Jun. 8, 1634. Re^{gr}. Testam." A Letter from Charles I. to elect Hen. Masterson (Coll. Chr.) in his place. *Register of letters*, 330, 7 Jul. 10 regni. See too Baker's *Hist. of St John's*, 209, 210, 213—215.

„ 25, Letter xiv. *Register*, p. 230.

„ 25, line 11. *Keeper etc.* Read *Keeper of y^e great Seale of England.*

„ 25, „ 18 and 21. Read *Histon.*

„ 25, „ 21. *hath.* Read *have.*

„ 26, Letter xv. *Register*, p. 235. On this correspondence relating to the library compare Baker's *History of St John's*, 208 seq.

„ 26, line 19. After *viseretur* add: *in illo religiosa benignitas vim suam ostendit.*

„ 26, „ 20. Read *ut conscientia.*

„ 27, „ 5. Read *Dat. Cantabrig.*

„ 27, Letter xvi. *Register*, p. 236.

„ 27, „ 11. Read *Reverendissime.*

„ 27, „ 12. Read *æternitatem.*

„ 27, „ 10 up. *nec injuria.* Inclose these words in brackets.

„ 28, „ 1. Read *latumias.*

„ 28. Letter xvii. *Register*, p. 247, where *Honoratissime* and other words are written at full length; so in letter xviii.

„ 28, „ 12 up. Read *donasti civitate.*

„ 28, „ 2 up. Read *fundamina, asperimus latitantem.*

Page 29, line 13. Read *faxit* Omnipotens.

„ 29. Letter XVIII. *Register*, p. 29.

„ 29, — 6 up. Read *sinet*.

„ 30, „ 1. *temperatus* is not underlined in the register.

„ 30, „ 10. Read *Præsulum*.

„ 30, „ 15. Read 19 *Cal*.

„ 31, „ 14. *Tho. Fothergill*, co. Westmorl., Lupton scholar Nov. 9 1614, foundation fellow 27 March 1618, senior fellow 29 April 1641; jun. dean 22 Jan. 163 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 16 Dec. 1636; sen. bursar 19 Dec. 1638 and 20 Dec. 1639; sen. dean 9 Jan. 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 27 Jan. 164 $\frac{1}{2}$; president 15 Jan. 164 $\frac{1}{2}$, and then continuously with one significant omission (Dec. 24, 1649), to 13 Feb. 167 $\frac{1}{2}$. On 31 March 1677 David Morton was admitted president in his place, he having died (according to a memorandum in the college register) on the 27th of March. See Barwick's *Life*, 9, 287, 288. He with others of the name founded a school at Ravenstonedale, *circa* A.D. 1688 (Carlisle, ii. 731 seq.). Hewas admitted to the prebend of Botevant (York) 29 Oct. 1660 (Hardy's *Le Neve* iii. 177), which he held till his death. He was admitted rector of Thorington 17 Oct. 1643 (Newcourt ii. 593, where Tho. Tirwhitt is erroneously said to have succeeded 'per mortem ult. Rect.' 23 Nov. 1661). On the family see *Notes and Qu.* 2 S. v. 321; vi. 215.

„ 31, „ 17. *Bodurda*. William B. admitted foundation fellow 22 Mar., 161 $\frac{1}{2}$ (co. Caernarv.); his brother Henry was Gwin scholar 20 Nov. 1619, Gwin fellow 25 Mar. 1629. Their uncle Owen Gwin, master, by his will proved 8 June 1633 left them all his books, and to William one of his 3 silver candlesticks (MS. Baker xxvi. 174, 175). William was admitted senior fellow 21 Feb. 163 $\frac{1}{2}$; senior bursar 1 Feb. 163 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 22 Jan. 163 $\frac{1}{2}$. He refused the covenant, and was accordingly ejected by an order of the earl of Manchester, dated 11 June, 1644.

„ 31, „ 17. *Spell*. Thomas Spell admitted fellow, 22 Mar. 160 $\frac{1}{2}$; president in the elections, 22 Jan. 163 $\frac{1}{2}$ —20 Dec. 1639 inclusive. On the 16 Dec. 1640 Jo. Pryse was admitted president. By will dat. 6 Sept. prob. 22 Dec. 1640 he left £50 to the college for books (MS. Baker xxvi. 195), having been a diligent promoter of the erection of the library, as appears from the following inscription in a copy of Pits (St John's Library, c. 9. 27) and in other books.

"Dedit Reverendus Vir

THOMAS SPELL

hujus Collegii Præses dignissimus,
& (pace Honoratissimi Fundato-
ris) compater hujus Bibliothecæ,
quam præfectus operis curavit ex-
struendam, nec minùs honestavit
exstructam; duplici liberalitate in-
signis, pius erogator suæ & provi-
dus dispensator alienæ: Iteravit
munificentiam, & Museum quod
recens natum benevolentiae primi-
tiis tanquam conjugali arrhâ sibi
desponsavit, moriens quasi con-
summaret nuptias, dotavit minis
quingenta."

Page 31, line 18. *Joh. Symons*. Foundation fellow (co. Suff.) 26 Mar. 1613. One Symonds' will in MS. Baker, xvi. 226. One of both names, parson of Gislingham, was executor to Robert Metcalfe (above, p. 47).

„ 31 „ 23. *Henry Eyre*. Gregson fellow (co. York) 7 Apr. 1647; jun. bursar at the elections 5 Jan. 164 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 Jan. 165 $\frac{1}{2}$ inclusive; bread and beer bursar Jan. 15, 165 $\frac{1}{2}$; sen. bursar at the elections 4 Feb. 165 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 Feb. 165 $\frac{3}{4}$: taxor 1649; senior fellow 30 Nov. 1654 [in locum magistri Creswick]. During his life he was to have the nomination to Dr Robert Allott's exhibition, and did nominate one Hobson, Mar. 19, 167 $\frac{1}{2}$. (*Append. B. to Fifth Educ. Rep.* [1818], p. 471). He was eldest son of Nathaniel E. of Bramley, where he was born, was educated for two years privately at Laugh-ton by Seton, entered as pensioner 12 May, 1638, æt. 17. under the tuition of Richard Wrench. B.A. 164 $\frac{1}{2}$; M.A. 1645; M.D. 1658. In Dugdale's *Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Davies (Surt. Soc.) 13, his age in 1665 is erroneously given as 40. Another of both his names, 4th son of Giles E. of Brickworth, was a bencher of Lincoln's Inn, recorder and M.P. for New Sarum, born 1625, died 1678 (*Burke's Landed Gentry*).

„ 31, note 1, line 1. For 'p. 64' read 'p. 40.' "Nov. 15, 1624. Ego Richardus Bulkeley Monensis admissus sum discipulus pro Johanne episcopo Lincolniensi Custode magni Sigilli."

„ 32, „ 12. *Floud*, i.e. Edw. Lloyd (below, p. 40). Admissiones discipulorum, A.D. 1615: "Ego Edvardus Flood Denbiensis

(corrected by another hand Assaph) admissus discipulus
pro D^{no} Gwyne."

Page 34, line 14, read D^{no}.

" ib. Letter xxi. Also in Pennant's *Tour in Wales*, ii. Append. xii.
475, 476.

" ib. line ult. of text, *no one other*. Pennant.

" 35, " 4, *Maister*. James I.

" 35, " 9, *one Man*. Buckingham.

" 35, " 11, *By loosinge the Seale*. Pennant.

" 35, " 14, *we* for *I* at beginning and end of line. Pennant.

" 35, " 15, *doe embrace*. Pennant.

" 35, " 16, *towards me*. Pennant.

" 36, Letter xxii. Page 37, Letter xxiii. *Register*, pp. 267, 268.

Baker has not followed the spelling very closely. The earl
of Southampton's friendship for Williams. (Hacket, i.
68 seq. *Cabala*, i. 57—59, 96) no doubt led to this valu-
able legacy: "Ego Henricus comes Southamptoniensis
admissus eram in alumnum huius Collegij divi Johannis
Evangelistæ decimo sexto die Octobris anno Domini 1585."
—St John's register.

" 36, " 21. Read *at his late being...therein also imitate*.

" 36, " 22. Read *father* without brackets.

" 37, " 9. Read *devoted* servants.

" 37, " 10. Read *of* an *Hon^{able}*.

" 37, " 15. Read *you* have reared.

" 37, " 22. Read *interpret* the *small*.

" 37, " 3 up. Read *Glasse*, that *presents*.

" 38, " 1. For *shall come* read *still enmue*; i.e. *enmew*, a word used
transitively by Shakespeare.

" 38, Letter xxiv. *Register*, p. 269.

" 38, line 10 up. Read *S^u Johannis nomine*.

" 39, " 7. Read *currus* *es et*.

" 39, " 12 up. *William Mostyn*. See above, pp. 33, 34.

" 40, Letter xxvi. In the *Register*, p. 290, is a royal letter (Whitehall,
20 Mar. 162⁹) recommending for the fellowship vacant by
the promotion and marriage of Edw. Lloyd, M.A., Rich.
Bulkeley, B.A. "bredd vp hertofore at our Charges as
one of our Schollers in o^r schoole at Westminster, &
now a Scholler of y^r Howse of y^e fowndation of y^e Byshopp
of Lyncolne, of whose excellent ptes and hopes in all manner
of learning fitting a scholler of his tyme and age, we have
receyved cleare testimonyes as also of his lyfe & Conv^{er}sation
from some members of y^r owne Howse, and from
other Colledges in that Univ^{er}sity. We doe requyre yow

That vnlesse yow can except agaynst this his Testimony in poynt of Doctrine and Manners, yow y^e M^r. doe propownd & yow the M^r and Seniors doe elect this so hopefull a young man into the place and fellowship of the sayd Edward Lloyd. And if any exception shalbe made agaynst him being neyther of such schooles no^r of such Fowndacions as ar limited by the Composition between y^e Exors of D Wynne and that Society; bycause we are credibly enformed that neyther Lloyd the imediate nor Wynn the predecessor before him wer so qualified: We doe by o^r Royall Prærogatyve dispence wth Bulckly in those & the lyke inferior Circumstances. And Requiring theese our Letters to be read by yow the M^r. vnto eight Seniors then p^rsent in the Colledg wthin one howre next after y^e receipt of y^e same, that ther may be no default in satisfying our deayre in so just a motion, we bydd you farewell."

Page 58, Letter xxxvii. Colleges might suffer for their refusal to renew leases. See Joseph Mead to Sir Martin Stuteville, Christ's coll. 16 Nov. 1622 (Birch's *Court and Times of James I.* ii. 349): "We talk here, that the bishop of Bristol being dead, my lady Leven's friends at court have moved the king to confer it upon the provost of King's college, in recompense of his so much spoken of slighting and neglect of their letters and personal mediation in her behalf, for renewing the lease she begs of that college." It may seem a strange sort of revenge; but a former letter (p. 348) makes the matter clear: "Dr. Searchfield, bishop of Bristol, is lately dead; but that place is so poor, that we have not yet heard of any suitors or pretendents for it."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES OF WILLIAMS (1620—1637).

John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton, Feb. 10. 1629¹ (Birch's *Court and times of James I.* ii. 220 sq.): "Westminster church, or St Margaret's, were propounded [for the parliament to receive the sacrament there], and Dr Usher, an Irishman, to make the sermon; but the dean sent them a mannerly message by three or four of the gravest prebends, that they should be welcome to either of those places; but, seeing they were both under his care, he would take care to provide them an able preacher."

Jos. Mead to the same, Feb. 17. 162 $\frac{1}{2}$ (*ibid.* 227): "Both his [Ussher's] preaching and the communion were put off, by order of the king, till the Sunday after (to-morrow) and the place to be Westminster. In the meantime it was on foot for the dean of Westminster, Dr Williams, to preach, and not Usher; but with some ado, they say, Usher still continues, and is expected to-morrow, though the dean was so discontent, that he denied, as some say, to permit the communion in Westminster: but I suppose he will be otherwise advised. Methinks, if Usher preaches, when I consider all circumstances, it should produce some novelty."

Dr Meddus to Jos. Mead, June 22. 1621 (*ibid.* 260): "Mr dean of Westminster was on Sunday sworn of the council. It is said he is like to be lord keeper, and hath appointed all his officers, though some opposition is like to be."

Jos. Mead to Stuteville, June 23. 1621 (*ibid.* 262): "That Dr Williams was sworn of the privy council; and that he waited on Sunday, from seven in the morning till ten at night, for the sealing of his patent for lord chancellor; and that the wax was choosed for it: yet some lords of the council had gotten the prince to move his father to defer it for a while, which he obtained; howsoever, the king and the marquis were downright for him. Some think this deferring to be an ill sign, as is wont in court suits: but others think it is only till he be elected bishop of Lincoln, for the more honour. Time will show."

Same to same, June 30. 1621 (*ibid.* 263): "I am told that Dr Balcanqual should not (Qu. *dele* not?) write that Dr Williams had the seal for lord keeper thrice given him, and taken from him, in one day. They say, the king should say, Charles was against it; and how could he make him recompense, unless he gave it him? To which, some report, the doctor answered, he should be content with the bishopric of London [? Lincoln] if he might hold his deanery still *in commendam*. He hath sat, and spoken in the

Star Chamber. One tells me that he entertained, a good while since, fifty household servants. We talk (but I know not) that Mr Lane of St John's is become his chaplain."

Same to same, Cambr. Jul. 1621 (*ibid.* 264 seq.): "It is the general report now, that the purse and great mace were, on Tuesday in the afternoon, sent by his Majesty to Dean Williams, as he was sitting in chapter with his prebends about church affairs. The bell is now ringing to a congregation; and they say it is to send letters gratulatory from the university, according to our fashion.

I was told yesterday, that he had upon his knees petitioned the king, that no officers might be put upon him, but that himself might choose them at his free liberty; that so, if any thing were amiss, he might not answer for the faults of those he could not do withal; which being granted him by his majesty, it is said, the prince (as it seems not knowing thereof) presently sent his letters for one of his servants, or some that he was moved to favour; to whom the lord keeper answered, that he desired his highness would pardon him, since he had upon his knees obtained the favour aforesaid of his highness's father.

How true this is I know not, but I heard, above ten days ago, that he had petitioned his majesty for the entertaining of many of the Lord Egerton's, his old lord's officers, that by their experience he might, at the first beginning, be directed; which, his majesty should say was a very reasonable suit. Whether the former report be not some mistake of this I know not.

It is said, either to-morrow or Sunday, he is to be consecrated bishop of Lincoln."

Same to same Jul. 7. 1621 (*ibid.* 266): "Whether Dr Williams shall marry the other [kinswoman of Buckingham's] or no, as was said when he was near the broad seal, I know not."

John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carleton 18 Aug. 1621 (*ibid.* 273): "The lord keeper hath gotten the deanery of West-

minster *in commendam*, during the time he shall continue bishop of Lincoln, besides his parsonage of Walgrave in Northamptonshire, and a good prebend¹ of that church, attached to the bishopric of Lincoln for ever."

Mead to Stuteville 15 Sept. 1621 (*ibid.* 275 seq.): "others [say], that Winchester shall be Canterbury, and my lord keeper bishop of Winchester...I shall not need to tell you, that my lord keeper's refusing to be consecrated by the archbishop, as having his hands in blood, was one means, if not the chief, of his affliction."

Chamberlain to Carlton 23 Oct. 1624 (*ibid.* 483): "The lord treasurer comes little at Westminster hall this term, being troubled with the fluent disease of the time; which is a great hindrance of business."

Sir Edw. Conway to Carleton 31 Mar. 1625 (*Birch's Court and times of Charles I.* i. 2): "when the lord keeper asked him [the king] whether he would have the absolution, he answered—'As it is practised in the English church, I ever approved it; but, in the dark way of the church of Rome, I do defy it.'"

Chamberlain to Carleton 14 May, 1625 (*ibid.* 22): "The lord keeper took up two hours in the sermon [the funeral sermon on James I.], which, they say, we shall shortly have in print."

From a clergyman in London, 26 Jan. 1625⁵ (*ibid.* 74): "late lord keeper prohibited from coming to parliament."

To Jos. Mead, Lond. 19 Jan. 1626⁶ (*ibid.* 185): "my lord of Lincoln [is like to be] bishop of Durham."

To the same, Lond. 9 Mar. 1626⁷ (*ibid.* 203): "The bishop of Lincoln...is forbidden to preach his turn at Whitehall, and is therefore gone back into Lincolnshire."

¹ Williams was installed in the prebend of Laffard *alias* Sleford 10 Oct. 1613, but quitted it almost immediately for Asgarby, where he was installed 29 Dec. 1613, and which he held in commendam with his bishopric. His successor was installed 26 Dec. 1641. He was installed precentor by proxy 29 Dec. 1613 (Hardy's *Le Neve*, ii. 86, 103, 162).

Beaulieu to Sir Thos. Puckering, Lond. 25 Jul. 1627 (*ibid.* 254): "You have heard also, how the bishop of Lincoln, being come hither upon some pretended occasion concerning his deanery of Westminster, was commanded and forced upon a sudden to depart."

To Jos. Mead, Lond. 21 Mar. 1627 (*ibid.* 330): "The lord archbishop of Canterbury and the bishop of Lincoln are also said, notwithstanding their letters of ease, to be sent for."

To the same, Lond. 28 Mar. 1628 (*ibid.* 334): "The lord archbishop returned from his confinement on Tuesday last to Lambeth, and goes to parliament, as also the bishop of Lincoln."

Jos. Mead to Stuteville, 19 Apr. 1628 (*ibid.* 343): "On Friday, April 10, in the morning, those four speeches of Sir Edward Coke etc. were reported by four lords to the residue of their lordships in the upper house. My lord bishop of Lincoln, being one of the four, reported Sir Edward Coke's, which he did, they say, most fully and naturally, both for matter and form."

Same to same, 28 Apr. 1628 (*ibid.* 347): "The bishops were divided, Canterbury, Norwich and Lincoln for the subject. The bishop of Lincoln much commended for what he spoke on behalf of the subject, acknowledging he had once offended in the days of his late master, in standing for the prerogative to the prejudice of the subject's liberties; for which he now desired forgiveness, professing that henceforth neither hope of greater preferments, nor fear of the loss of what he presently enjoyed, should make him do or speak against his conscience."

Same to same 31 May 1628 (*ibid.* 359): Abbot, Williams, etc. allowed to kiss hands.

The following letter from Sir Thomas Fairfax to his grandfather, July 24 [1637], shews Williams in a very favorable light.

Fairfax Correspondence, Vol. i. p. 338.

"The Bishop of Lincoln is now in the Tower, suspended from all his livings, and fined 10,000£. to the King. The profits of

the Deanery of Westminster are sought after by Dr. Duppa, the Prince's tutor. The fate of this bishop is much lamented, for he bestowed most of his revenues in pious works and charitable deeds, and the conferring to other hands will be a sensible loss to those that had tasted his liberality. Yet, although it is a just judgment for his infinite pride and ambition, which stood as offensive briers about so many sweet roses, he hath now a good memento to humble himself, but not so much means to work the accustomed good he used to do. At the dissolving of his family he showed that liberality was a natural disposition to him, for after he had spoken a moving and eloquent speech to his servants, expressing his sorrow that he was forced to cast them off so suddenly, and deprived of means to reward the faithful service they had done him, in a passion he broke off, flinging from them in a confused manner, accompanied with tears, saying he must part, and after he was gone sent 2500£. to be distributed amongst them. Thus in the lowest ebb of fortune did he shew the treasures of a rich mind."

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